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PWT tournament After more than a year of hype, pro fishing tournament finally here

Lake Villa family adopts four more and grows to 10

Foster childern become family members

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

With the flourish of penning his signature, Judge Joseph Waldeck brought a dream to fruition.

"It's a happy day for me," Judge Waldeck told the newest members of the Denekas family of Lake Villa. "I know you've been part of this happy family for awhile, but now it's forever," he told the four children in his chambers, where he had just made Sheila and Jim Denekas four children richer.

"They really, really love you and that's the most important thing in the world," he said. The judge then shook hands with each child and said their new name, Amanda Denekas, Matthew Denekas, George Denekas and Johnny Denekas.

The judge's chambers were quite full. In addition to their parents, their siblings were there to witness the event, which includes Jason, 15, Kimmy, 12, Heavenly, 11, and Bobby, 7.

Ms. Kevin Rodgers, formerly of CASA, worked with the Denekas' to reach this point and came to love every member of the family. Even though she has moved to California, there was no way she would miss this special day. She has also accepted the honor and responsibility of being the children's godmother.

'I was on the case for literally eight years, so I had to come back," Rodgers said. "It doesn't get any better than this.

So now we know, sometimes stories do have happy endings. But like most true happy endings, this one was-n't an easy process, which just makes it all the sweeter.

To start from the beginning, Sheila and Jim were high school sweethearts and married at the tender age of 18. They have beaten the odds and have



Shella and Jim Denikas, from Lake Villa, adopted their six foster children, creating a new family of ten.

enjoyed a successful teenage marriage. Their 15-year-old son Jason was born to them, followed by Kimmy, who is now 12 years old.

Sheila and Jim said they are thrilled with their adopted children, all of whom came to them as foster children through Kids Hope United in Lake Villa.

"This is something I always wanted to do and my husband has supported me," Sheila said. At first they were concerned about the effect foster children would have on their biological

children, but the family had an opportunity to see through a friend how well the program could work, and their children embraced the idea.

"Before we brought Matthew home, Jason was seven and one day he gathered all of his toys he had outgrown and put them in a pile," Sheila said. "He told us the toys were for his new brother, and he could keep them forever and ever. Kimmy, who was threeand-a-half disagreed with her

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*Time for changing of the guard in Antioch

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

Mayor Taso Maravelas' final board meeting went smoothly with many unanimous votes on a number of issues. His fellow board members gave him their thanks for his years of service and Village Administrator Alan Probst presented him with a wooden box, which had an engraved plate with his name and years of service to Antioch.

"On behalf of the board of trustees this is a box to hold your memories," Probst said.

The box to hold "his memories" contained four albums complete with photos, one for each year

Maravelas seemed genuinely touched by the thoughtfulness of the gift. The board and audience gave him a standing ovation. Many trustees thanked him for the opportunity to work with him.

Village Attorney Robert Long read a statement saying how he had enjoyed serving as legal council for the village and thanked the mayor.

He resigned his position, saying Mayor-elect Dorothy Larson should pick her own advisor.

Village board business was routine, except for the motion to create a separate fund for TIF dollars. Financial Chairman Bob Caulfield was opposed to such a move.

Greg Henning, cochairman, however of the Redevelopment Committee, said he was given a variety of answers when he asked how much money was in the TIF fund.

Financial administrator Trish Steele said she was confident that the fund held \$1 million. The board voted to create a separate account and deposit the money into it.

Trustee Barbara Porch said an overdue audit would clarify the exact amount and any necessary adjustments could be made at that point. The board had approved a motion to have the fund audited on a regular basis, but had not done so.

The nest board meeting will at 7:30 p.m., May 2, and will be held in the Senior Center at 817 Holbeck Drive, behind the police department. The new mayor will be sworn in.

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Movies are scary depending on viewers perception

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

There's one Antioch woman who is terrified of horror movies, but "Amityville Horror" didn't scare her even a little bit.

There's a good reason for that. Barb Sciortino was an extra in the movie and saw the movie being

It started out innocently enough when she was at her desk at Leech and Denoma Century 21 office in Lindenhurst and the office secretary told her MGM was on the phone.

Her disbelief vanished as the man on the other end of the phone told her he was looking for a house to rent on the water in order to direct a remake of "The Amityville Horror."

She met him at a house at a Lake

Villa house she had for rent. "He" turned out to be none other than Andrew Douglas, director of the movie."

After an afternoon of looking at houses, he liked the Lake Villa house and asked her if she'd like a part in the movie. Sciortino has taken acting lessons and she was flabbergasted.

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'Tomorrow has arrived,' Mayor Betustak proclaims

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

At a special board meeting Tuesday, Mayor Jim Betustak and a concept team presented a plan for expanding the southeast portion of Lindenhurst to create a gateway at Grand Avenue and Route 45, where an Amoco gas station is currently situated.

The plan to develop about 245 acres was presented as a mixed use community, with plans for commercial development, residential development, some civic development and the protection and enhancement of natural wetlands. The plan would have strict architectural guidelines for all retail and commercial development and would include open spaces and greenways that would add to the feeling of a town center.

In order to help support this commercial development, new residential areas would be built, including condominiums, town homes, row houses, duplexes and



Betustak

cluster single-family homes.

The O'Leary Companies have some of the land and wetlands amassed, and are in discussion with landowners in the lower triangle.

"We will enhance and work around the wetlands with the corps of engineers, to create an amenity for the village," said Richard Swanson of Westminster Swanson.

The plan would create a down-town identity with upscale shopping, similar to that of Deer Park. Plans would call for retail shops and boutiques, a destination activity such as a movie theater, and specialty shops that could feature an ice cream shop or a coffee shop. Plans call for it to be similar to the Deer Park Shopping

The builders have constructed many homes in the North Shore communities, and would continue that tradition in Village Green.

However, not everyone was pleased. One resident said he thought the development would increases his taxes, which he considers high already. Another resident whose property abuts the project said she was opposed because it would change the neighborhood, according to Jim Stevens, village administrator.

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Lindenhurst Early Childhood Center primary students Islah Talley and Cole Kazekelch help kick off the Second Annual Brian Vermilyer Hope Foundation For Children Hike For Hope as Brian's father, Mike, looks on. Brian, whose mom Laura teaches at the school, succumbed to cancer. The Hike For Hope event will take place June 26 at Lake Villa Township's Caboose Park.

Hike for Hope kicks off fund-raising

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

For a second year in a row a large group will gather at one of Brian Vermilyer's favorite childhood parks, where they will celebrate him by helping those who suffer as he did.

The second annual Brian Vermilyer Hike For Hope isn't scheduled until June 26, but fund-raising efforts for the event have already begun for the childhood cancer awareness event.

The official kick off was Tuesday at the Lindenhurst Early Childhood Center, where Laura Vermilyer, Brian's mother, works.

The kick off helps generate interest in the hike and draws attention to childhood cancer, Laura said. Brian, who grew up in Lake Villa before moving to Paddock Lake, Wis. when he was 10, was diagnosed with cancer at age 14. A short 14 months later he died of a brain tumor.

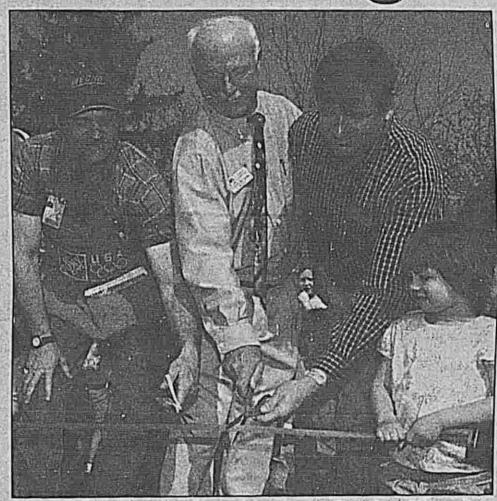
The hike, hosted by the Brian Vermilyer Hope Foundation, is a way of remembering him, and also helping other kids who suffer, Laura said. Laura, her husband Mike and their son Brad, a student at CLC, run the foundation in honor of Brian.

"The mission is not just to raise funds, but awareness," Laura said.

Awareness is just as important, Laura sad, because childhood cancer cases are on the rise. By making people more aware of the disease, Laura said she hopes cures and explanations will follow.

The hike will be held at Caboose Park in Lindenhurst - one of Brian's favorite parks as a child. The event will feature a 2.5-mile walk, and it will also celebrate living children with cancer. The children are given a party and gifts.

The children, receive book



Laura and Mike Vermilyer, Home Depot Garden Department Supervisor Steve Solner, Lindenhurst Mayor Jim Betustak and Lake Villa Township Supervisor Dan Venturi cut the ribbon to officially kick-off the Second Annual Brian Vermilyer Hope Foundation For Children Hike For Hope at the Lindenhurst Early Childhood Center. Brian, whose mom Laura teaches at the school, succumbed to cancer. The Hike For Hope event will take place June 26 at Lake Villa Township's Caboose Park.

bags filled with toys, art supplies and a hat, said Frank Davis, director of the Childhood Center. The hats are symbolic because many of the children are going through treatment and are selfconscious. It also acts as a way of keeping their head safe in the summer heat, he added.

Last year the Vermilyer's raised more than \$30,000 through the event. This year they hope to do just as well, as they

bags filled with toys, art supplies strive to get closer to their goal and a hat, said Frank Davis, and closer to finding answers.

Brian told her before he died that he wanted the family to find out why he got cancer. Laura said. If their work can help other children, it's worth it, she said.

Additional information in the hike for Hope and the foundation can be found at www.brian-shopefoundation.org.

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Great opportunity for Italian dinner

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

For those who enjoy Italian food, there is an opportunity at Oakland School for a great spaghetti dinner and a way to help the children. The food is being donated to the project by Salutos restaurant in Gurnee. The money raised will be used towards the replacement of old playground equipment at the

Tickets for the dinner will cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for children at the door. However, diners may still call ahead for advance sales and save \$1 on each ticket. For reservations call Sue Buckley at 847-838-0744. Dinner will be served between 5 and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 16.

There will also be raffle items contributed by craft and party bazaar participants, who will aslo have items for sale.

Children at Oakland will provide musical entertainment

Tickets for the dinner will cost under the direction of Sarah for adults and \$5 for children at Dietrich.

The money will be used to buy modular units, and the group has already earned \$8,000. The school board approved paying for the installation of the equipment, which means they need to raise another \$8,000 if they would like the equipment installed for the coming school year.

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School children need books

he Antioch Junior Womans
Club would like healthy
families to walk together in
the AJWC Walk-a-thon on
Saturday, April 23 at 9 a.m. It will
begin at Osmond Park off of
Highview Drive in Antioch. The
cost for adults is \$5 and children
cost \$2 to participate. Dogs and
strollers can come along for free.

The proceeds will go to help local school libraries. If you would like to come out and walk with your family and raise money for the school libraries at the same time, the AJWC invites you to join them.

Trustee Mary Turner went to see the Amityville Horror movie in Fox Lake last week. However, when a leaf-burning scene came along, Turner couldn't escape the trustee part of herself. She complained to her children that they shouldn't do that because there's an ordinance against burning leaves, So for many reasons, Antioch residents should keep telling yourself, "It's only a movie."

Kudos to Salutos, 7680 Grand Ave., Gurnee, for donating all of the food for Oakland School's fundraiser.

Congratulations to Alexi
Florian, a sophomore at Antioch
Community High School and to
Elizabeth Whitehurst, a sophomore at Lakes High School. Both
girls were selected by the Antioch
Woman's Club to attend the
Northern Illinois Leadership seminar in June at Park College,
Chicago.

Now that the Walleye Tournament is over, it's time for chamber members to practice their golf swing and putting. The Antioch Chamber golf outing will be on May 18.

Congratulations to Julie
LaBuda, daughter of the late Don
LaBuda and Kathy LaBuda of
Antioch. She has been enrolled at
MacMurray College, Jacksonville,
with plans to major in psychology.
She is currently a senior at Cross
Creek Academy, LaVerkin, Utah.

For parents of high school students, who are sometimes the last to know, the prom will be at Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, Wis. on May 21. One member of each couple must be a junior or senior at Antioch Community High School. For students who invite a non-ACHS student, guest information must be obtained and completed from the Dean's office before tickets may be purchased All students are required to ride the buses to the prom. Students who choose not to take part in post prom activities will be returned to the high school on the same buses.

The post prom event is a cruise on Lake Geneva and is a school-sponsored function. The cost of post-prom is \$25 each, in addition to the prom ticket.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Ginny Skweres at 847-223-8161, ext. 154 or e-mail, ginnys@lakelandmedia.com

More staff cut at Gavin

By Steve Peterson

Staff Reporter

Gavin School District 37 School Board continued to reduce its staff, voting to issue notices of non-renewal of contracts to eight nontenured teaching staff members and two parttime members.

"I hope that you understand, teachers in the audience, how hard it is for us to do this," said Sherry Florian, school board member.

This follows a previous meeting in which such notices were given to two tenured teachers. The timing is due to a 45-day before the close of school requirement, school officials said.

Superintendent Marge Fostiak said the notices are being handed out now because, if split shifts occur at Gavin South in 2005-06, some subject matter may not need as much personnel.

Parents were worried what that would due to their day care costs, said parent Sean Sullivan. "It would double our day care," Sullivan said.

School board members, voted to amend a bond issue to insert the word "repair" as an option to use bond funds at closed Gavin Central School. The cost totaling \$7,735,000 would cover the cost of engineering, architectural, legal and financing fees the resolution states.

This gives the new board members elected April 5 more flexibility, said Business Manager Laurie Pechauer.

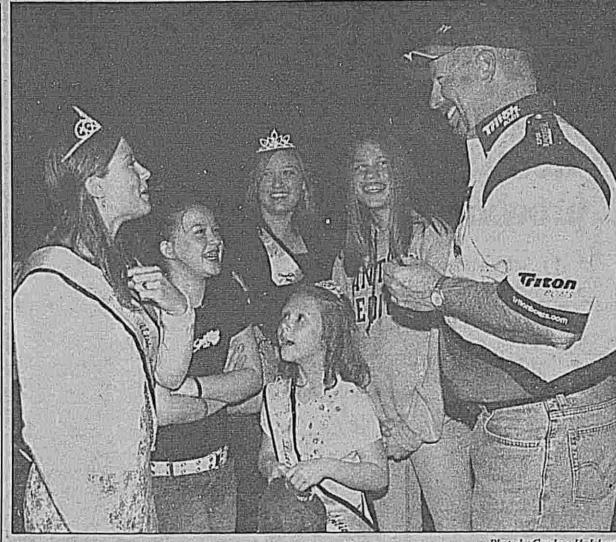
"I hope that the new school board members do not drop our lawsuit against Boller Construction and Legat Architects. I also hope that they (Boller) drop the frivolous lawsuits against the citizens who wished to speak out. And, I hope the new board members are more sensible than they were in the campaign," said Member Stan Pasiewicz said.

Discussion with the status of where Gavin Central students now at Lakes Community HS would attend in doubt, centered around a possible hike in registration fees late, something the majority of the present board rejected.

"Parents have suffered enough. We should see how this works and look at it next year," said board member Steve Savage.

Newly elected board members Barb Mende, Kristin Johnson, Phil Mack and Steve Moulis will take office on May 3.

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Professional walleye fisherman Aaron Abaurrea of Fargo, N.D. shares a laugh with Miss Antioch Holly Feric, Kelsie Kolle, 11, Little Miss Antioch Amanda England, 7, Junior Miss Antioch Madison Erway, 14, and Karissa Kolle, 14, all of Antioch, during a Meet the Pros night at the Antioch VFW Hall. The event kicked-off the In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail tournament taking place on the Chain O' Lakes.

Lakes Area Community Band

present "Spring Fever." The concert will take place Monday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m., in the Antioch Community High School Auditorium, 1133 Main St. (Route 83) in Antioch. A diverse selection of pieces will be performed including selections from "A Chorus Line," "Espana Rhapsody," "American Overture for Band" featuring our French horn section, "Fandango" and others. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Bring your friends and family for an evening of fun entertainment.

Under the direction of Steve Porch, Lakes Area Community Band is a 40-member, notfor-profit group of musicians from the area "who volunteer their time and talents purely

Lakes Area Community Band is proud to for the love of making music," said Porch.

Formed over 13 years ago and sponsored by Festival Arts of Antioch, the band rehearses every Monday evening from 7-9 p.m., and performs eight-10 free concerts per year. All musicians high school age and older are welcome to join. "Our band is growing both in number and musically every year" reports Porch. "We have a wonderful mix of talented musicians of all ages and tremendous support from the Village of Antioch, the high school and of course the community. We also have a lot of fun and enjoy playing concerts for our home crowd. If you would like to find out more about Lakes Area Community Band, or even come and join in the fun, call Debbie at 847-395-0272."

Gone fishing Chain

Event boosts local economy

By Steve Peterson

Staff Reporter

From signs to offering local discounts, the Chain O' Lakes area has put out the red carpet or perhaps the red launching pad-to the nation's top walleye fishermen.

They are in the area for the In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail. The tournament concludes April 22 with the awarding of the top \$60,000 cash prize and a total purse of \$300,000 as well as numeours PWT tournament honors. Both Fox Lake and Antioch and their respective Chamber of Commeces are acting as hosts.

spring feeding for the walleyes," said Jim Kalkofen, PWT executive director.

Kalkofen said the fishermen have been frequenting the area economy, for hotel stays or spare parts or for a place to tell a fish story or two. Claude LeMere, community development director for Fox Lake, has estimated a \$1 million economic impact.

Kurt Zacharias, site superintendent for Chain O' Lakes State Park near Fox Lake, said that there have been "Quite a few" boats being launched from there. "We have some pro fishermen here. We're open for camping the day after Christmas.

John Kaperka, general manager for the Best Western Regency Hotel in Antioch, tournament headquarters, said tour nament staff blocked off 50 of the 68 rooms for PWT use.

"If they're successful, it will be a boon to the Chain," said Howard "Bud" Scott, chairman of the Fox Waterway Agency. Walleyes have historically been in large supply.

Temperatures in the 80s meant more of a reason to worry about sunburn on the prep days leading up to the April 20 kickoff.

Robert Schine, of Crystal Lake, was hopeful that his son, Jason, would have a good time fishing as an amateur. "He'll do OK. He knows them now. He wants to fish someday in the PWT. With the warm weather, it has also been shallow," Schine said of his son, who lives in Lake Villa. He said he is glad that the PWT professions are here.

Bob Hanson, whose home area in Minnesota has 60 lakes nearby, said the fishing

should be good this week.

"There is a ton of fish in the system," Hanson said. He praised the welcome from the Chain O' Lakes. "This community has been so welcoming for us."

He has prepped at Lake Marie, Fox Lake, Pistakee and Petite and said Petite Lake may be

Terry Wilson, said he, too, was impressed with the welcome. He has been fishing the chain since April 14.

"I am impressed with the amount of fish. The people are helpful, with advice, both in and out of the water," Wilson said.

Wilson has been in the PWT for a few years. "Each day, we are getting more of that He said the key is that the fishermen are just that, professional and top class" Wilson said.

Jeff Zbansik came all the way from several hours north of Bismark, North Dakota. "It is shallower, but a good system."

Business owner Noel Working of Fox Lake suggested that the promoters use "Walleye Bucks.

They would get a 10 percent discount on their bill and there is a map of all the places. I think it is good for the economy of the chain. We have a lot of nice places along the Chain," Working said.

The Best Western Regency Inn of Antioch served as the tournament headquarters.

The tourney is one of the PWT qualifying tournaments, leading up to the finals at Milford Lake, Kansas in September. Other spots are set for Arkansas, Kentucky, Michigan and South Dakota. The action for the season is shown on The Outdoor Channel, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday at 11

The PWT Creditentials Committee reviews applicants and extends invitations to topnotched pros based of fishing skills, ethics and character.

Events during the week included an essay contest, a session with the Illinois DNR, daily weigh-ins at Haling Marina, , a school for competing pros nd more.

Local essay winners, sponsored by the State Bank Group, were Tyler Janusz, Brenden Miller, Jason Krueger and Jeff Hahn.

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Driving without a valid driver's license

Adam M. Rucker, 27, of 3138 W. Diversey, Chicago, was stopped for expired license plates and police learned his driver's license was suspended. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in court on May 4.

Darryl J. Love, 22, of 36039 N. Grand Oaks, Gurnee, was stopped on Grand Avenue near

Emerald at 8:01 p.m. April 12. A check showed his driver's license was suspended. He was released on an I-bond and is scheduled to appear in court on May 4.

Posession of cannabis

Dawn Holeman of 2969 75th Ave., Elmwood Park, was stopped on Route 44 after she turned from Grass Lake Road without signaling. She was charged for failure top signal, having a suspended registration, no proof of registration, driving while license was sus-

pended, possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. She was released on \$3,000 recognizance bond and is scheduled to appear in court on May 4.

Speeding

Mario M. Olguin, 24, of 3514 50th St., Kenosha, Wis., was stopped April 11 as he traveled eastbound on Sand Lake Road near Valley, going 48 mph in zone. He was released on a \$100 bond and is scheduled to appear in court on May 4.

GENTLY LOVED



(above) Megan Monson, from Spring Grove, looks through a pile of cloths, finding a keeper, during the Little Saints Preschool rummage sale. The rummage sale raised funds to purchase supplies and equipment for Little Saints Preschool. (right) Beverly Nick of Fox Lake, shops around during, the event



Baseball lights driving neighbors batty

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

People who live near the ball park with newly installed lights protested the strength and direction of lights that lit up the neighborhood, and the Township board agreed. The fields are on Grass Lake Road, between Deep Lake Road and Route 83.

Marcia Kulp, who lives near the park, said the lights exceeded everyone's expectations.

"They are a work in progress. There are too many lights going in the wrong places," she said.

Lake Villa owns the fields, but leases it to the Lake Villa Township youth baseball organization. The village paid about \$80,000 for the lights, but expects about half of the cost to be paid back by the baseball organization.

"There's a lot of spillover light, and it's even too bright for baseball because the ball gets lost in the light," said Mayor Frank Loffredo. The lights were meant to be less invasive of the surrounding neighborhood. They should be directed downward rather than outward, and the baffles on the lights were supposed to help direct the light.

The lights sit on poles that are 70 feet tall, and an ordinance was changed to allow this rather than the old ordinance that restricted poles to 35 feet. The lights were designed by Universal Sport Lighting, Atlanta, Ill., and were installed by baseball coaches and league officials.

Loffredo said the lights would be adjusted and no games would be played until the situation was remedied. The lights are on only when an evening baseball game is being played and must be turned off by 10:15 p.m.

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brother, and told him it's not a brother, it's a sister and got her extra dolls ready for the new sister she was expecting.

"We've got really great kids," Sheila said with pride.

In 2000, the family adopted Bobby, 7, in January, followed by Heavenly, 11, in June. Bobby was six months old and he weighed only 10 pounds at that time. When he was born he weighed only 1.9 pounds.

'The doctors said he would never walk or talk, but we had good early intervention, or he wouldn't be the Bobby he is today. He goes to regular kindergarten in the morning and attends special classes in the afternoon. He has a strong will and fights for himself. Sometimes he drives us crazy," Sheila joked.

Besides walking and talking up a storm,

Sheila said he plays flag football.

"All the kids do something. Matt and George go to Special Recreation bowling. Jason and Johnny do football and baseball and Jason and George do wrestling. Heavenly, Kimmy and Amanda do softball and hip-hop. Millburn School says that without my kids, they wouldn't have a chorus," she said.

It was an especially long wait for Mathew, the twins-George and Johnny-and Amanda, who are biologically related. They were split up for a number of years. While in foster care, the natural parents tried to regain custody, and the case went all the way to the Illinois Supreme Court. Living under the same roof is a wonderful thing, but not having the same last name bothered them, Sheila

"It's been a waiting game," Sheila said. "But they have to give the natural parents every opportunity to get their kids back. They appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court, but they were denied.

"We started the adoption process in late January or February and now it's complete on April 15," Sheila said. "We treat them all equally. It's not about who's biological and who's not. Heavenly has siblings that live somewhere else and she has a nephew. He's everybody's nephew and her biological brother is their brother," Sheila said. "My kids have a great sense of family and stick up for one another. Jason worships his little

Superintendent of Millburn School, Dr. Jim Menzer, said the older children went through Millburn School as well as the four who currently "They have been a delight to have in school, he said. "They are sweet, well-behaved and try

"The parents come to all the functions and events. They are very child-oriented and I have a lot of respect for them," Dr. Menzer said.

'The kids soon become Denekas'. If my children had to be raised by someone else, I'd want it to be the Denekas!"

The family of ten live in a farmhouse with six bedrooms situated on more than three acres of land in Lake Villa. The kids have friends that come over to play.

"Our house is a magnet. All of my kids have friends. Even the older kids come over and play paint ball," she said.

Sheila watches her nephew for her sister-in-

law and Jim is a welder.

"He gets home at 4:30 so he coaches baseball and football," Sheila said. "Dad's having a hard time with being a spectator now that Jason's in

"It's a great thing to do, but both spouses have to be absolutely committed to it. When you bring other kids home, there are going to be some immediate needs right away. Some times Jim or I will have a bad day, but it's rarely on the same

Jason said it's great to be the oldest one in a big family.

"I get to boss them around," he said. "It's better when there are more kids. Sometime we all play baseball or football together."

The Denekas' have a family tradition of everyone eating dinner together.

'We can all fit to sit down to eat," Jason said. "The girls sit on one side and the boys on the other side, except Bobby sits with the girls sometimes."

Each child has a specific job to do, even Bobby, the youngest. He loves to sweep. Sheila said they also tend to use a lot of paper plates. Jim said his large family is great.

"There's always something going on and they're always smiling," he said. He and Sheila tend to take turns doing the grocery shopping rather than bring the whole family along. As far as the financial burden, Jim said they planned

"We got an early start on buying things," he said. "Financially, it wasn't that bad at all."

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Plans for new commercial development

By Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporter

Lake Villa is on its way to get a seven-acre commercial development at the southwest corner of Grass Lake and Deep Lake roads. The Lake Villa village board approved the development last week. The land was annexed and zoned commercial about 20 years ago. The new center, to be called Lake Tower Crossing will have a major drug store to anchor the center.

The Property is owned by DEKA Investments and developers said restaurant is part of the plans.

The center will be a strip mall with single lots on both sides that can accommodate freestanding buildings. The strip mal plans call for a brick building with shake shingles.g Residents in the adjacent Painted Lakes subdivision are concerned about water runoff onto their prop-

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Get ready for a great community event! Register for the fifth annual Family Fun Run/Walk in person from April 4-18, at the Lake Villa District Library, Lindenhurst Park District, or Lake Villa Village Hall. Registration includes a free t-shirt (first 250 registrants) from the Friends of the Lake Villa District Library. Registration on April 23 will also be done on site from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. The non-competitive run/walk will start and finish at the west parking lot in Linden Plaza. Participants may bring strollers, but no roller blades, bikes, or skateboards are allowed. Leashed dogs are permitted. This event is co-sponsored by the Lake Villa District Library, Friends of the Lake Villa District Library, Lindenhurst Park District, Vista Surgery and Treatment Center, the Village of Lindenhurst, Linden Plaza Merchants Council, Kiwanis Club of Lindenhurst-Lakes Area and the Lake Villa Parks and Recreation Committee.

Melissa Beller of Antioch



I'm originally from: Wilmot, Wis.

Occupation:

Orthodontist's assistant in Antioch

I graduated from: high school in Richmond

What I like most about Antioch:

Can walk everywhere

Favorite CD or artist: Tim McGraw

Favorite sports team: Cubs

Best local restaurant: Grande Jakes

Favorite home-cooked meal: Spaghetti

Person I admire most: My mom

If I had \$1 million, I would: Buy a house

If I had a plane ticket to anywhere, I'd go to: Cayman Islands

> My pet peeve: Thoughtless people.

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BIRTHS

Brian Christopher Williams, a son, was born April 9 at Lake Forest Hospital to Jamie and Christopher Williams. His sister is Elizabeth, age 1. Grandparents are Susan and Steven Ryan of Antioch and Victoria and Arthur Williams of Lake Zurich

Anthony Glen Krause, a son, was born April 3 at Lake Forest Hospital to Rich Krause and Valerie Padgett-Krause. Grandparents are Dennis and Nancy Padgett of Zion and Ron and Gloria Parks of Winthrop Harbor.

Auction fundraiser at Grass Lake **School May 14**

Grass Lake School PTO will be hosting an Auction Fundraiser Saturday, May 14 at Port of Blarney's, 27843 W. Grass Lake Road, Antioch. Come out for a great evening of fun. There will be silent and live auctions, raffle prizes (Firstprize-Las Vegas trip for two or \$750, second prize-\$250 plus many more prizes), food, cash bar, and live music and cancing (Rockin' Eddie and One Take Willie present 'The Steamin' Barracudas'). Tickets are \$15/person in advance or \$17.50 at the door (must be 21). Proceeds will be used for asbestos removal and building repairs. For advance ticket purchases, raffle tickets or information, contact Vicki Rundle at 847-395-5574.

FROM PAGE A1 **AMITYVILLE HORROR**

"I was just in awe. He's a director, but he's so down to earth," she said.

A few weeks later, the house deal fell apart because MGM had found a house in wisconsin they could use at no cost.

"He was true to his word," Sciortino said. For those readers who know her, Sciortino appears in a restaurant scene about a third of the way into the movie. She is sitting behind Melissa George.

"It's not as glamorous as it looks," she said. There were about 50 to 60 extras in the movie and all had their hair and make-up done, she said.

"That little scene was a 12-hour day," Sciortino said. "I didn't know until I saw it if it ended up on the cutting room floor, but it's in there."

As for Andrew Douglas, Sciortino was very impressed with him.

"The fact I got to meet him was exciting. He's a real person, a super hard-worker and

down to earth," she said.

For local residents, here is a heads up about what local landmarks made it into the movie, besides the house. St. Peter's Church makes the cut as does a ride down Main Street in Antioch and parts of Silver Lakes. There are also scenes shot in the library of St. Mary of the Lakes in Mundelein and a local restaurant.

According to Sciortino, the rest of the audience thought the movie was plenty scary. It's based on a true story, as was the original.

Sciortino said Douglas told a reporter the scariest part of the movie for him was when they filmed the little girl on top of the roof, in spite of all the precautions that were taken.

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CALENDAR

Friday, April 22

"Three Dimensional Works," art show by Antioch Fine Arts Foundation, 983 Main St. Ends Apr. 30. Call the foundation at 847-838-2274 to learn more.

1-2:30 p.m., Breast Cancer Support. Join clinical psychologist and breast cancer survivor Linda Sizemore, PhD, for free support/networking group. Meets at Condell Medical's Allen Conference Center, 801 S. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville. Call 847-990-5770 or or go to www.condell.org.

Saturday, April 23

9 a.m., Prayers for Revival in Lake County at Linden Villa Baptist Church, 38869 N. Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa. Saturdays through May 14. All invited. Please call 847-245-7471 to learn more.

8 a.m.- 2:30 p.m., SWALCO chemical waste collection at Public Works/Streets facility, 216 Washington St., Fox Lake. Illinois residents only. Call the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County at 847-336-9340 or check www.swalco.org for more information.

8 p.m., Newcomer Orientation for Lake Co. Parents Without Partners. Call 847-817-5687 or e-mail pwp_chapter247@hotmail.com to learn more.

Sunday, April 24

7-9 p.m., Open gym Sundays at Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

1:45-3:45, Widowed Outreach Network of Lake County, a group for widows and widowers of all ages, meets in Libertyville. Call 847-990-5275 or 847-367-0087 for information.

Monday, April 25

7:30 p.m., Antioch Jaycees meets last Mondays at Regency Inn, call 847-395-8035.

12:45 p.m., Bingo held Mondays at The Antioch Senior Center. Call 847-395-7120 for details.

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearses at ACHS. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272.

Community support group or women who are dealing with abuse in their homes meets Mondays in Antioch. All are welcome. No fees. Call A Safe Place at 847-249-4450 or 847-249-6557 (TTY) or go to asafeplaceforhelp.org for more information.

Tuesday, April 26

6:45 p.m., Bingo at Antioch VFW. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Call 847-395-5393 for more information.

7 p.m., Antioch Public Library District Board meets at 757 N. Main St. Call 847-395-0874 to confirm.

1 p.m., AARP Chapter 387 (for adults 55+) meets at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Please call Sharon Nowak at 847-395-5068 to learn more.

Noon, Kiwanis Club of Antioch meets Tuesdays at Bacchus Restaurant, Please call Melissa at 847-489-8044 or e-mail her at mjrigoni@hotmail.com.

7-8 p.m., Weigh to Win at Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd., Lake Villa. Call 847-356-6181.

Wednesday, April 27

6 p.m., CPR classes sponsored by Antioch Rescue Squad, held at the squad building, 835 Holbeck Dr. \$5. Call 847-395-5511 to learn more.

6:30 p.m., Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Call Dorothy Stark at 847-395-7407 or Betty Muller at 847-838-3907.

Thursday, April 28

7:30 p.m., Lakes Region Historical Society meets fourth Thursdays at the museum, 817 Main St., Antioch. Call Wendy Mastom at 847-395-1459 or Nancy Binder at 847-395-1453.

7:30 p.m., Irish-American Club meets at State Bank of the Lakes in Antioch. Call 847-395-3942.

7:15 a.m., Business Network International meets Thursdays at Hillside Restaurant, Grayslake. BNI, a coalition of businesses, has one person per occupation. Members share referrals. Call Craig Henderson for details 847-840-6464.

7:45-9 a.m., The Women's Referral Assn. meets second and fourth Thursdays at Grandma V's Pancake House, Mundelein. One member per business category. Meetings open to all women in business. Call Jeanne Silver at 847-367-1500.

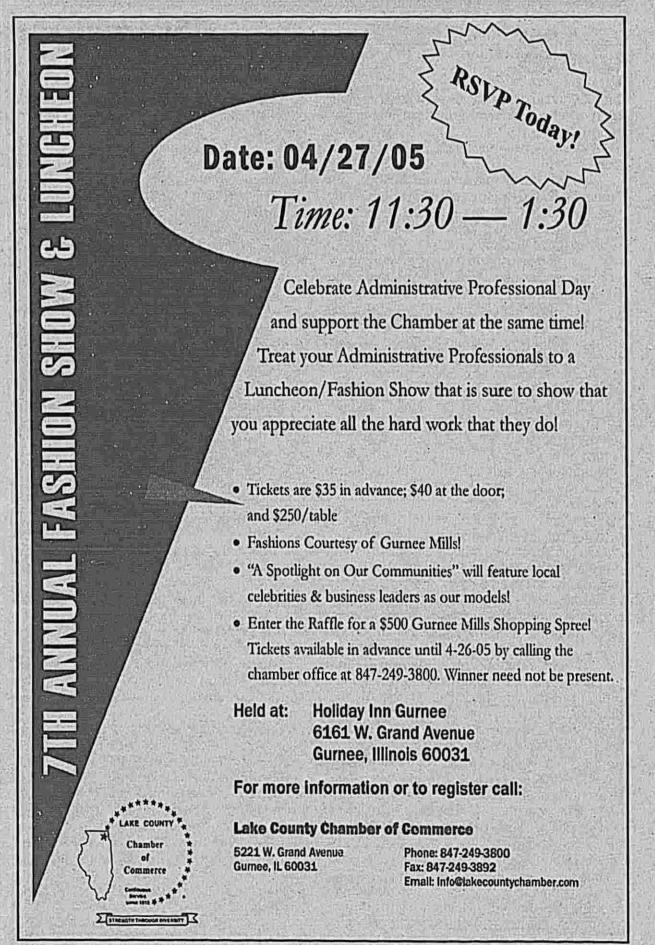
7 p.m., National Alliance for the Mentally Ill support group for parents of young, school age children with a brain disorder meets in Mundelein. Call NAMI of Lake County at 847-249-1515.

Friday, April 29

7 p.m., "A Way Out," an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for gays, lesbians and straights, meets in Libertyville. Call Linda West 847 735-1230 .

Saturday, April 30

9-11 a.m., Birding I: Birding Basics, ages 8 and up, at Oak Openings Nature Preserve. Contact Kathleen at 847-548-5989 x33 or info@libertyprairie.org.



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May 9, Monday, 6:30 p.m.

"National Treasure," rated PG, will be shown on Monday night. Reservations are recommended. Please call 847-395-0874.

May 12, Thursday, p.m.

"Protect Your Children on the Internet." The Antioch Police Department will give parents and caregivers facts and ideas to keep your children safe as they surf the internet. Reservations are recommended. Please call 847-395-0874.

May 23, Monday, 7 p.m.

Learn about Hatha Yoga (Svaroopa Style.) Kathy Johnson talks about it and will demonstrate this style of yoga. It helps to release stress in your life and is great for people with back issues. Reservations are required. Please call 847-395-

The Antioch Public Library **District Teen Program for** May 2005

May 14, Saturday, 1 p.m.

"Get A New Look For Prom." Free make-up tips with samples to try, to achieve that special look for prom. Bring your dress or an item of the same color for a more specific match. Class will be taught by a qualified beauty consultant. Reservations required. Please call 847-395-0874.

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LOCAL

Guitarist Kraig Kenning

The Antioch Park District will present guitarist Kraig Kenning at 2 p.m., May 1 at the library. For reservations, call 847-395-0874.

Call him contemporary folk, blues, roots rock, American Fingerstyle or Americana. Regardless of the genres crossed, Kenning manages to leave every audience feeling like they've just spent some quality time with an old friend. Few artists are as capable of connecting so directly with such diverse listeners while playing over 200 dates a year, receiving airplay on 40 stations nationwide, and selling 30,000-plus recordings of six self-produced CDs. But Kenning has shaped himself into one of the most capable performers on the planet, touring non-stop for the past decade. "There is an exchange at a spiritual level in a great performance. My goal is to journey with all my listeners to this magical place," Kenning said. Together with his trademark dobro and passionate lyrics, Kenning reminds us just how personal and potent original music can be.

Auction

Grass Lake School PTO will be hosting an Auction Fundraiser Saturday, May 14th at Port of Blarney's, 27843 W. Grass Lake Road, Antioch, IL. Come out and join us for a great evening of fun! There will be Silent and Live Auctions, Raffle Prizes (1st prize-Las Vegas trip for 2 or \$750, 2nd prize-\$250 plus many more prizes), Food, Cash Bar, and Live Music and Dancing (Rockin' Eddie & One Take Willie present 'The Steamin' Barracudas'). Tickets are \$15/person in advance or \$17.50 at the door (must be 21). Proceeds will be used for asbestos removal and building repairs. For advance ticket purchases, raffle tickets or information, contact Vicki Rundle at 847-395-5574

Lakes Region Historical Society

The School House is open every Saturday from 11a.m. to 3p.m. There are special hours on holidays.

The Meeting House will be open from noon to 3 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. There will be a special opening on Memorial Day and the 4th of July from 11 am to 2 p.m. If you have not seen this award-winning restoration project, come visit us this spring or summer.

The next members' meeting will be at 7 p.m. on April 28, with a program starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Wendy Maston at 847-395-0321 or Earl Beese at 847-395-1685.

Special Events

Friends of the Wetlands is a volunteer group formed to maintain and enhance the William E. Brook Wetland Sanctuary in downtown Antioch. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help with this project. We meet once a month to work on planning, cleaning, and planting. Our goals for this year are to continue to clear the wetlands of Reed Canary Grass, European Buckthorn, and Garlic Mustard, and to stabilize the shoreline by planting native plants. We are also looking for someone to help us apply for grants and donations. You don't have to have a green thumb to join in; in fact, most of us have brown thumbs If you can help, please call Billie Horton, Department of Special Events at 847-395-6342.

PARKS

Camp openings

. Antioch Parks & Recreation has expanded their most popular programs and due to this expansion, openings are still available in both the Camp Crayon Pre-School and Summer Day Camp Programs.

The Camp Crayon Pre-School is for children 3 and 4 years old. Children must be toilet trained before entering the program and must turn three by September 1 for the three-yearold classes or four by September 1 for the fouryear-old classes. Class will begin during the week of September 12, and run through mid May, 2006. There are five payment sessions throughout the year. Please stop by the Parks Office at 806 Holbek Dr. in Antioch if you are interested in registering or call 847-395-2160 for more information.

Summer Day Camp is designed to provide day care for children of working parents. Day camp provides recreational activities in a safe, supervised environment for children ages four to 12. Activities include local field trips, crafts, and swimming at the Antioch Pool. Day camp will run from June 7 to August 12, Monday to Friday. Day Camp is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. There are three sessions this year and full week, three-day or two-day sessions are available. Fee

comes out to \$25 per day for Antioch residents with a \$2 per day fee for Early Birds (6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.). Non-resident fee will be slightly higher. Please stop by the parks office or call for more information.

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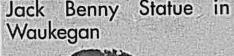
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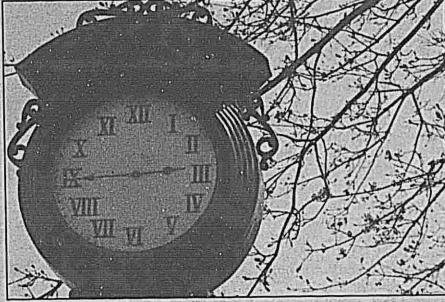
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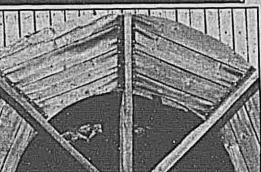




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Brushing your pet's teeth may sound like a tiresome task, but Dr. Bill Krug, a resident in veterinary dentistry and oral surgery at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital says to try

"Think about how you'd feel if you went one or two days without brushing your teeth. Now think about what your teeth would be like after eight or nine years without cleaning."

Like humans, pets can get bacterial and tartar buildup on their teeth, leading to deep gum disease, or periodontitis. The gums and underlying bone recede as a consequence of the untreated infection, resulting in loose, painful teeth, inflamed gums, and exposed roots.

"We see a lot of cases of severe damage and discomfort that could be prevented with regular dental hygiene," Krug said. If the task of tooth brushing seems daunting at first, he suggests taking "baby steps" toward a dental hygiene

Start gradually by holding your pet and looking into its mouth. (Of course, if you think you may get bitten, don't put yourself in danger, and find an alternative to brushing.) Lift the lips so you can examine the teeth. As your pet gets more comfortable with this, try putting some veterinary toothpaste on your finger and rubbing it on the teeth.

Some pets may find this a pleasant experience, since most veterinary toothpastes are flavored, and they may like the petting and attention. Many veterinary toothpastes fight bacteria and tartar by activating anti-bacterial salivary

After your pet gets used to your rubbing its teeth and gums, you can try wrapping gauze around your finger or using a soft rubber finger brush on your index finger. This can help get more food debris off the teeth. With small strides like these, Krug said, your pet may let you brush its teeth with a regular pet toothbrush within a few weeks.

Brushing is the most effective way of removing food debris, thus minimizing bacterial growth and tartar formation. It takes a good deal of patience and persistence, but the few minutes a day you invest can prevent future discomfort, disease, and expense.

Although Dr. Krug insists that

dental disease, he acknowledges that some pets just won't stand for it. For those pets, alternatives such as rinses, chew toys, and special diets can help. Dental rinses that you can add to your pet's drinking water can help reduce bacterial and tartar buildup.

Chew toys, such as rope bones, nylon bones, and crocheted "mice," can help scrape food debris off teeth. Rawhide chews, too, can help clean teeth, but Dr. Krug advises against cow bones and pig hooves available in some pet stores, since they are hard enough to cause painful tooth fractures. Special dental chews, such as C.E.T. treats for dogs and cats, are infused with enzymes that help kill bacteria.

Good dental care begins at home and can save pain and expense in the long run. For more information about a home dental care regimen, contact your local veterinarian or visit the Web site of the American Veterinary Dental College at www.avdc.org.

Pets Corner



Dodger

After coming in as a stray, this black-and-white boy has become very sweet and laid back and loves attention. He is on a special diet for a urinary tract infection. Dodger is said to be good with dogs or other cats.

Whatif

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Kashmir



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Racey Macy

This big, strong American Staffordshire mix originally came in as a stray. Macy is good with some dogs, but doesn't take too well to cats. He loves hugs and kisses and is as affectionate as they get.



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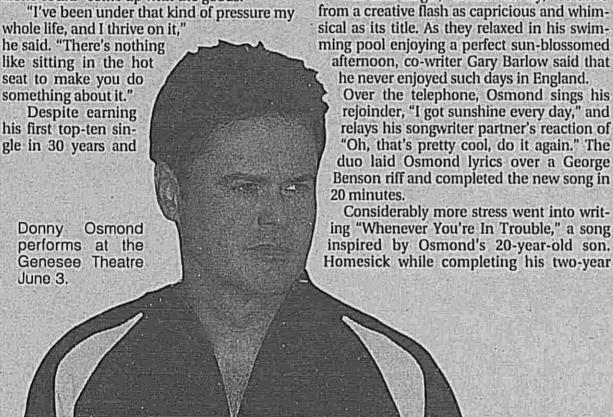
Osmond shares with fans what he meant to say

By Kyle Schmitt Staff Reporter

His face and voice launched a million crushes during his teen idol years, and Donny Osmond may win a new generation of young hearts with a best-selling CD and return to a Lake County stage this summer.

Refusing to "hide behind" other artists' songs, Osmond has finally discovered "What I Meant to Say," a new album which he cowrote and produced. The lifelong entertainer will perform numerous songs from his 54th album, which has won critical and commercial success, at the Genesee Theatre June 3.

Osmond surrounded himself with capable songwriters and musicians, but found that the project's outcome depended on whether he alone could "come up with the goods."



receiving positive reviews, motivation for creating his own lyrics and melodies came from a music writer's offensive remark. A New York critic accused Osmond of "hiding behind other people's material your whole career," an insult made more injurious by its apparent truth.

"I thought, 'Wow, maybe he's right,'" Osmond admitted of not writing original songs. "This is something that's been in the back of my mind, this is always something I've wanted to do.'

While writing the album, Osmond discovered that what he meant to say mirrored what he originally swore he would not sing. He told his co-writers that he wanted to stay away from "sappy," cliched love songs, but realized that such sentiments flowed freely and honestly in his writing.

His first single, "Breeze on By," resulted from a creative flash as capricious and whimsical as its title. As they relaxed in his swimming pool enjoying a perfect sun-blossomed

Over the telephone, Osmond sings his rejoinder, "I got sunshine every day," and relays his songwriter partner's reaction of "Oh, that's pretty cool, do it again." The duo laid Osmond lyrics over a George Benson riff and completed the new song in

Considerably more stress went into writing "Whenever You're In Trouble," a song inspired by Osmond's 20-year-old son. Homesick while completing his two-year church mission in Scotland several months ago, the young man conversed for a half-hour via e-mail before finding peace with his father and saying goodbye.

Written to express Osmond's unconditional love for his son, the song developed a greater significance when the singer's mother died during the album's recording.

"I finished the lyrics, read them and I realized, almost as an epiphany, that the song was a concept given to me by my mother," he said, recalling her constant love and support. "It was written by her through me to them. It was a pretty powerful moment, and I'll never forget it."

Also heartfelt is "My Perfect Rhyme," a song written to his wife, Debbie. Osmond promised he would write a song for her when they were married more than 26 years ago, and finally got around to completing the nagging household chore.

After presenting the song to her, Osmond said, his wife gave her approval by remarking, "All right, you've just bought yourself another 26 years.'

He visited Warren Township High School several years ago to speak on the importance of fine arts in school, and Osmond said he is honored to be among the first singers to perform at the re-born Genesee. Local fans will hear a mix of old and new hits, as Osmond sings several tunes alone on stage and reprises favorites such as "Soldier of Love."

His second set-half would commence with a jazz piano-driven "Puppy Love," a song he "didn't want anything to do with" during his young-adult years. Hearing a female fan accuse him of messing with her "memories," however, led him to closely the number.

"At that point I realized, 'why don't you just embrace the past, because it brought you to this point," he said. "And to an extent, this show is embracing my entire 42-year history."

Osmond made his television debut at age five on "The Andy Williams Show," and still loves being "able to take people from one end of the spectrum to the other." This set's arrangements allow fans to become closely involved with his lyrics, he said.

"I think there's more of a connection with what I'm singing live than my other tours in the past," he said, claiming that stripped-down presentations would contribute toward a more intimate environment with listeners.

"I left home the lasers and all that kind of stuff," he said. "People don't walk out humming the lights."

Thousands of shows into his career, Osmond said the same passion for performing will drive his concert in Waukegan, and guide him through the songs and struggles that follow. He scoffs when asked what piece he would sing perfectly if he could choose just one, calling perfection a goal impossible to achieve. "I learned that the hard way throughout the 1980s, when I was trying to be perfect, and it threw me into a quandary in the '90s," he said.

Allowing a deeper look into his psyche, Osmond said that the Genesee show would be a joy for his audience and himself. "After going through social anxiety disorder and panic attacks and all that, I realize I can get on-stage and it won't be a perfect show. But it will be a perfect show for that night."

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A Mother's Passion

wish I could be happy for brain-damaged Terri Schiavo now that she's free of her feeding tube and imperfect body. But her mother has convinced me it wasn't her time to go. One look in her grief-stricken face reveals a truth greater than any Supreme Court

A mother knows her child, even when experts with degrees and decrees say otherwise.

I think of the gregarious boy next-door who fills the room with Schubert or Dixieland as he plays his beloved piano. His adoptive mom proudly looks on. If she had listened to the experts, her autistic son might still be on a back ward in Rumania or worse.

Leslie Clazier-Werner LES ON But a mom knows

LIFE I think of co-worker Julie, a single mom who diligently cares for her disabled daughter with little thought of herself. This mother will never receive an award for her daily sacrifice, not even a handmade Mother's Day card from daughter Michelle. But Julie matter-of-factly faces her daughter's many physical and mental

challenges, and privately celebrates her accomplishments.

the truth.

That's because a mom knows the truth. I look at a photograph of my smiling nephew and his feisty mother, Deb. Nephew Darron just turned 21, but brain injured at birth functions at the level of an infant. Still Deb, a Biology professor teaching the best and the brightest, devotes every spare minute attending to the needs of this joyful child. Two decades ago the experts recommended institutionalization, and predicted his death within months.

But a mom knows the truth.

Then I look at my own son. He came to us at 3, a southern boy with a beaming smile, ponytail, and the label "special needs." Other children ridiculed him because of his learning disabilities. Teachers who lacked the patience or understanding shunted him to a corner by himself.

Imagine their surprise when he tested "gifted" in art. He now plans on going to college.

No surprise to me, because I know the

So it's telling that Terri Schiavo should face her maker after receiving Easter communion, her final meal being a drop of Christ's blood. Just as Mother Mary had to helplessly watch Jesus' slow, agonizing crucifixion, Terri's mother was forced to sit by while her child was condemned and executed for the sin of living as an imperfect being.

Both Mary and Terri's mother knew the truth, but no one would listen.

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Cat Cora adds her imprint to a favorite Greek recipe



COOKING BY THE BOOK

14 cup chopped onion

spoon juice)

1/3 cup water

14 teaspoon ground black pepper

Cat Cora, host of the Food Network's Kitchen Accomplished," with Ann Krueger Spivack has written an appealing cookbook, "Cat Kitchen: Cora's Favorite Meals for Family and Friends" (Chronicle).

It reflects Cora's Greek heritage as well as Southern upbring-

The easy-to-follow spanakopita recipe (Spinach, Dill and Feta Baked in Phyllo) features an unusual addition: a small amount of white rice that provides texture to the filling. Though the recipe makes enough for a dozen eaters, it keeps well and can be prepared for a smaller group.

Among other interesting recipes are grilled asparagus with tangerine aioli, bell peppers stuffed with meat and rice and tomato croquettes with cucumber yogurt.

Luau Burgers

1 pound ground beef/pork mixture (8 ounces of each)

slices canned pineapple, drained (reserve 1 table-

slices green pepper, cut into thin strips (or mixed

Preparations: Mix ground meats with onion, 1/2 teaspoon Morton Kosher

red and green) hamburger buns, split and lightly to asted

1/2 teaspoon and 11/2 cups Morton(r) Kosher Salt

1/2 cup prepared sweet-and-sour sauce, divided

18 teaspoon hot mustard powder, if desired

Spinach, Dill and Feta Baked in Phyllo

lightly browned.

more spinach.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees

a stockpot over medium-high heat.

Add the rice and stir until each grain is coated with oil, 2 or 3 min-

Add the spinach in 5 small batches, folding the raw leaves

under with a spoon as you add each

With each of the 4 batches of spinach, add one-half teaspoon salt;

add one-quarter teaspoon salt with

the fifth and final batch. Allow each

batch to wilt down before you add

stir in the scallions, parsley and dill. Strain off the liquid from the pot and

let the spinach mixture cool. (If you

spread it out on a baking sheet, it will cool faster.) Once the mixture is

cool, add the feta and pepper.

Brush a 9-by-13-by-2-inch baking dish with olive oil. Line the bot-

When all of the spinach is wilted,

Heat the one-half cup olive oil in

Add the onions and saute until

greasing and brushing 6 cups chopped yellow

3/4 cup uncooked long-grain white rice 4 1/2 lbs. fresh spinach, tough stems

2 1/4 tsp. kosher salt 3 scallions, white and tender green parts,

3/4 cup finely chopped fresh Italian (flat-leaf)

ly chopped fresh dill 1/2 cups crumbled feta cheese

1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper 1 lb. package phyllo

tom of the dish with half of the phyl lo sheets (10 to 12 sheets), layering them one at a time; press smooth, gently pressing the dough into the corners of the dish, and brush each sheet with olive oil before adding the next sheet.

Allow any excess to come up the sides of the dish. Keep the stack of phyllo you're not working with covered with a damp kitchen towel.

Smooth the top sheet of phyllo and brush with olive oil. Spread the spinach filing evenly over the top. Cover with the remaining sheets of phyllo, again gently smoothing and brushing each sheet with olive oil before adding another. Brush the top with olive oil and trim the dough around the edges of the dish with a knife or scissors. With a very sharp larife, score the top into 12 squares, taking care not to cut more than the top layer or two of phyllo. Bake until the top is golden brown, about 40 minutes. Let ccol, then cut along the score lines and serve.

(Serves 12)

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1 cup all-purpose flour

3/4 cup granulated sugar

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa, divided

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup milk

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 teaspoon vanilla extract 3/4 cup chopped walnuts

3/4 cup packed dark or light brown sugar

1-3/4 cups hot water

 Preheat the oven to 350°F. Coat a 9-inch round baking pan or a deep-dish pie plate with nonstick cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, combine the flour, granulated sugar, 2 tablespoons cocoa, the baking powder, and salt. Add the milk, oil, and vanilla; míx with a spoon until smooth. Stir

in the walnuts then pour the batter

into the baking pan. In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar and remaining 1/4 cup cocoá; sprinkle evenly over the batter. Pour

the hot water over the brown sugar and cocoa. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until the top is cracked and

> brownies are just firm to the touch. Remove from the oven and let cool for 15 minutes. Serve warm.

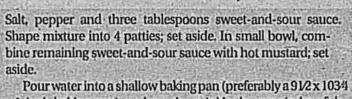
6 to 9 servings

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra for

removed

chopped

1/4 cup plus 2 Tbl. fine-



x 1-inch baking pan), and evenly sprinkle the remainder of the Morton Kosher Salt over the water.

Place patties on wet salt.

Cooking: Bake at 350° F until desired doneness. Do not turn patties. Transfer burgers to plate and keep warm. Discard salt bed. In skillet, sauté pineapple slices and green pepper in reserved tablespoon of pineapple juice. Stir in sweet-and-sour sauce/mustard mixture; heat through with pineapple and peppers. Place one pineapple slice on bottom half of bun, then burger.

Top with peppers/sweet-and-sour sauce mixture. Cover with top half of bun; serve.



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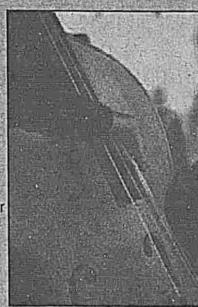
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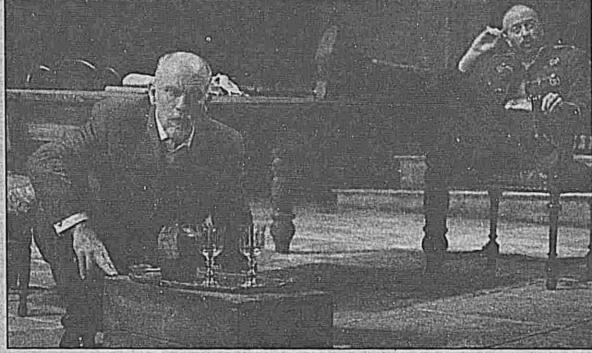
CLC CHOIRS PRESENT CONCERT APRIL 24

The CLC Singers and the Choir of Lake County will present a concert at 4p.m. on Sunday, April 24 at the Mainstage Theatre in the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts on CLC's Grayslake Campus. The groups are directed by Dr. C. Charles Clency, CLC music instructor, with piano accompaniment by Kathleen Cizewski, a CLC piano instructor and owner of Kathy's Musicians Center in Grayslake.

The two choirs will sing a variety of sacred and secular music, including the classic "As Time Goes By," "Bring Him Home" from "Les Misérables," the folk song "Skip to my Lou," the spiritual "Keep Your Lamps" and several sacred numbers by John Rutter, including "Lord of the Dance" and "Seeds Grow to Plants" from "Canticles of America."

The performance is free, but tickets are required. For tickets, call 847- 543-2300 or stop by the CLC Box Office, located in the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts. The Box Office opens 90 minutes before the performance begins.

'Lost Land,' Malkovich fascinate in play of historical fiction



John Malkovich (left) and Yasen Peyankov in a scene from "Lost Land" at Steppenwolf Theatre Company.

By Tom Witom

"Lost Land," a new play by Stephen Jeffreys making its premiere at Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre, relies on historical fiction to probe family dynamics, political change in a war-ravaged country and personal obligations.

There's a lot to digest in this engrossing drama set in 1918-1919 in an isolated castle in the wine-growing region of northern Hungary. World War I is nearing an end, and a wily government emissary, Miklos, has arrived at the castle to talk Count Krtistof, the lord of the manor, out of retirement and lure him back to political life in Budapest.

The Miklos character is modeled on Count Mihaly (Michael) Karolyi, a statesman who briefly held the title of president of an independent Hungarian republic immediately following the armistice.

The old order is changing. The idea of peasants as property owners, particularly Hungarians who marry outsiders, is gaining currency. All too soon, however, Hungary finds itself in a tight spot under terms of the war settlement: the country faces the loss of two-thirds of its land and nearly half of its population.

Terry Johnson directs a stellar cast, including three seasoned Steppenwolf ensemble members: John Malkovich, Martha Lavey and Yasen Peyankov.

The play offers an ideal forum for Malkovich, who plays Kristof, the local land baron convinced (partly out of guilt over his late father's unorthodox actions) of the necessity to redistribute certain parcels of vineyard land to Tamas (Ian Barford), a peasant under his dominion. One time the prime mover behind the development of his coun-

try's railway system, Kristof now envisions a series of bridges that could facilitate commerce with the Russians.

Lavey, Steppenwolf's artistic director, stands out as Kristof's sister Ilona, a conservative who looks down on the peasantry and devotes herself to running the family winery, whose Tokaj wine is reverenced as a "national treasure." Peyankov, as the unscrupulous government agent, minds the manor during Kristof's absence and treats it as his personal fiefdom, consuming the choicest vintage and dallying with both Ilona and Anna (Katrina Lenk), a young Slovakian servant attached to the household and mistress to Kristof.

For Kristof's benefit, Anna plays dressup and wears clothes that once belonged to the late countess. How serious their relationship is becomes clear in the final scene, just as how far Kristof is willing to be manipulated by his devious antagonist Miklos.

By the time Kristof returns from his mission in Budapest, many of the peasants are fleeing the country, the vineyard is in ruins and the count's entire way of life forever disrupted.

"Lost Land" offers a unique look at a difficult but unfailingly fascinating period in history.



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Eighty-Eight's; The Chicago Theatre; and the Gardenia and Cinegrill in Los Angeles and Beverly Hills.

Now Denise is back in her hometown, after her enormously successful six year extended concert tour of some of the west coast's premier venues that brought her to wildly enthusi-

astic audiences in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Beverly Hills, and Palm Springs. Starring in her new one-woman tribute concert entitled Let Me Enterain You, Tomasello honors legendary Chicago composer Jule Styne. An Oscar, Grammy, Emmy and Tony

winning composer, Styne is

noted for writing the score to the Broadway and film hits Gypsy, Funny Girl, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes and many Frank Sinatra classics. He has written such indelible standards as People (which has sold over 15 million copies), Time After Time, Just I Time, Let

It Snow, Three Coins In a Fountain, Diamonds Are A Girls Best Friend, I Wanna Don't Walk Without You, The Party's Over, Don't Rain On My

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Called a "Chicago musical institution" by the Sun-Times, WGN Radio's Rick Kogan praised Denise as "one of the city's most entertaining cabaret performers." She has performed to SRO crowds in headlining solo shows at the Park West, the legendary Pump Room, the Metropole, Gentry and George's. She has also made annual appearances at the Taste of Chicago- the Midwest's largest music festival.

This is a must-see show from one very special performer. Witness first-hand why California's Orange County Register calls Denise and her onewoman concerts "the best show of its kind in the country!" Denise will be joined by the talented Beckie Menzie as her musical director.

The legendary composer Jule Styne was raised in Chicago from the age of 6. Born in 1905, was a child prodigy and studied at the Chicago College of Music. By the age of 12, he was already playing with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. However, due to a factory injury on the second finger on his right hand, Styne's classical concert career ended.

As a teen, he played with bands as well as pit piano in Chicago's burlesque houses. By the time he was 21, Styne joined the Ben Pollack Band, whose members also included Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller. At age 21, to impress a girl, he wrote his first song. Ned Miller wrote the lyrics and the result was the song Sunday, which sold over 500,000 copies of sheet music.

Styne also worked at Chicago's 225 Club with Fanny Brice for four weeks. This would give Styne insight that he could call upon later when her wrote the music for Funny Girl, based on Brice's life starring Barbra Streisand.

In the early 30's he moved to New York and eventually found himself working as a vocal coach for 20 Century Fox studios in Hollywood. By 1943, he teamed with Sammy Cahn. The pair wrote an endless string of hit songs including Time After Time, It's Been a Long Long Time, Let It Snow, The Christmas Waltz, It's Magic, I've

Heard That Song Before, I Fall In Love Too Easily, Five Minutes More, and the Oscar-winning Three Coins In A Fountain.

Styne eventually moved his efforts to Broadway, and had his first smash with 1947's High Button Shoes and scored a major triumph with Gentleman Prefer Blondes, starring Carol Channing. Later it was made into a motion picture classic starring Marilyn Monroe and her memorable version of Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend. More successes on Broadway followed with Peter Pan, Bells Are Ringing, Do Re Mi and the timeless masterpiece Gypsy, which has been revived successfully in 1974, 1989 and for television with Bette

However Styne's biggest Broadway success came with 1964's Funny Girl starring 21 year-old Babra Streisand and featuring such classics as People, Don't Rain On My Parade and I'm The Greatest Star Styne considered this to be his best score. The show ran for over 1,300 performances and was made into an enormously successful film, with Streisand winning the Oscar for Best Actress.

Styne continued to write scores for shows through 1993's Red Shoes, although nothing matched his previous successes of Gypsy and Funny Girl.

He would later say, "I've led an exciting and productive life. Any composer who could write for both a Sinatra and Streisand in their lifetime is lucky. And if I think about Gypsy. I think what a privilege to have worked with Jerome Robbins, Arthur Laurents, Stephen Sondheim and Ethel Merman. That's a lot of talent for one show."

That's a lot of talent for one composer named Jule Styne. And coupled with the exciting performing talent known as Denise Tomasello, the pairing of Styne and Tomasello, promises to be pure entertainment magic.

Live from New York — it's Tom 'Bones' Malone of the CBS Orchestra

Guest artist concert on May 1 Features Tom 'Bones' Malone of the CBS Orchestra

You may have seen him play with the CBS Orchestra on the Late Show with David Letterman, in the "Saturday Night Live" Band or as a member of the "Blues Brothers" Band in two movies. But at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 1 at the College of Lake County 28th Annual Guest Artist Concert, you can see Malone live. He will play a variety of instruments (including the trombone) with CLC's Wind Ensemble and award-winning Monday Night Jazz Ensemble. Dr. Michael Flack, who will conduct the CLC bands, has played with Malone on several occasions. "This is an opportunity

for jazz lovers to see a well known and extremely talented multi-instrumentalist perform right here in Grayslake. The CLC bands will play with Malone on some of his own arrangements, including several numbers featured in 'The Blues Brothers' movie, You can see Malone live such as 'Peter Gunn Theme' and 'Sweet Home Chicago.' We are very excited about 28th Annual Guest Artist this concert," Flack said.



Sunday, May 1 at the College of Lake County Concert.

Malone, who joined the CBS Orchestra in 1993, plays trombone, trumpet, bass trombone, tenor sax, baritone sax, flute, piccolo and alto flute. He has contributed more than 350 arrangements to the "Late Show." His film credits include "The Blues Brothers," "The Last Waltz" and "Blues Brothers 2000." He played in the original Saturday Night Band on "Saturday Night Live" for 10 years and was its musical director from 1981 to 1985. He has also performed and recorded with James Brown; Frank Zappa; Blood, Sweat & Tears;

the Band; Miles Davis and Steve Winwood. As a studio musician, he has been heard on more than 350 records and in more than 3,000 radio and television commercials. His solo album, "Soul Bones," features guest appearances by Paul Shaffer and Blues Traveler's John Popper. He lives in New York.

Tickets for the concert are just \$4 for the general public and \$3 for CLC students, staff, Alumni Association members and seniors 65-plus. For tickets, call 847- 543-2300 or stop by the CLC Box Office, located in the James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts on CLC's Grayslake Campus. The Box Office opens 90 minutes before the performance begins.





to "Kalahari - Gensbok." Shutter Bugs monthly meetings include how-to workshops, members, photos and competitions (membership required to enter competitions). For further information, 815-344-1294 or volobog@imaxx.net.

To obtain a volunteer application, set up an interview, or for further information on getting involved with Volo Bog, please contact Volo Bog State Natural Area at 815-344-1294. Volo Bog State Natural Area is an Illinois Department of Natural Resources site located in Ingleside, Illinois west off Highway 12 between State Routes 120 and 134. Ameritech Relay for the Hearing Impaired is 800-526-0844.

About the Volo Bog State Natural Area

The current landscape of the northeast corner of Illinois was shaped principally by glacial activity thousands of years ago. As the climate continued to warm, the ice blocks melted, forming depressions which developed into lakes, bogs and marshes. Volo Bog was originally a deep 50-acre lake, with steep banks and poor drainage. Research on pollen grains preserved in the bog indicates that the lake began filling with vegetation approximately 6,000 years ago. A floating mat, consisting primarily of sphagnum moss formed around the outside edges among the cattails and sedges. Volo Bog is significant in that it exhibits all stages of bog succession.

Each season brings its own beauty and wonder to Volo Bog and seasonal visits allow for observation of a wide variety of plant and animal life. In the spring, fern fiddleheads reveal their beautiful fronds. Bog buckbean and leatherleaf bloom in abundance. A great variety of songbirds, waterfowl and wading birds stop by as they migrate north to their summer nesting areas.

VOLO BOG

Shutter Bugs of Volo Bog

Wednesdays, April 22 and May 18 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Shutter Bugs Nature Photography Club meets at Volo Bog State Natural Area on the third Wednesday of each month. April, s meeting features a competition where members

may enter up to four slides and/or three prints for judging. Non-members are invited to attend to enjoy the images of nature and refreshments of the club. May's meeting will feature photographer Bob Knupp on who will present slides on his Africa Trip

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

Kids become history and **Geograpy Explorers at** Summer camp

Turn your child into an explorer this summer. Youth entering grades 2-4 can join the Lake County Forest Preserves for a week-long imaginary journey to trace the routes of early explorers from Montreal to Lake County with Explorer Camp. Each day will bring a new adventure as campers discover new people and the joys and rigors of life as early explorers. For busy parents, Before and After Care from 7 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. is available for this camp.

Explorer Camp is offered June 20 -24 at Lakewood Forest Preserve near Wauconda; June 27 - July 1 at Independence Grove near Libertyville; July 11- 15 at Ryerson Woods near Deerfield; and July 18-22 at Van Patten Woods near Wadsworth.

Cost for the week long camp is \$202 (\$144 for Lake County residents) per child. Cost for Before Care is \$41 (21 for Lake County residents) per child; and After Care is \$49 (\$35 for Lake County residents) per child. To register for the camp, call 847-968-

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Annual Nature Symposium features acclaimed author and adventurer, Sy Montgomery

Called "Part Indiana Jones, part Emily Dickinson" by the Boston Globe, the Lake County Forest Preserves and the Friends of Ryerson Woods will welcome author and adventurer Sy Montgomery for their 22nd Annual Smith Nature Symposium. The event will be held Saturday, May 7, at the Ryerson Conservation Area near Deerfield.

The Symposium will feature a full day of nature activities which will include lectures and workshops led by women in science, a bird walk, and hands-on stewardship activities at Ryerson Woods. The

day will conclude with a dinner, silent auction, and keynote address presented by Montgomery.

Montgomery has been featured on National Public Radio's "Living on Earth" and has published six nonfiction books for adults and five books on natural history for children. She has traveled the world swimming with electric eels and dolphins in the Amazon, running from an angry silverback gorilla in Zaire, and being bitten by a vampire bat in Costa Rica.

Ryerson Woods, she will near Deerfield May 7. recount recent adventures in Southeast Asia where she

and Dr. Gary Galbreath, Field Museum Evolutionary biologist, traversed through land-mine forests in search of a new species.

Because of landmines, bandits and unexploded ordnance, this corner of the tropical world has remained largely unexplored, but scientists who venture to this area are richly rewarded. Six new species, including a 200pound antelope-like ox, two new species of fanged, barking deer, and a zebra-striped rabbit, have been discovered. Adding to this list, Montgomery and Galbreath came upon a golden bear previously unknown to science.

Montgomery will report these adventures in her keynote address, "In Search of the Golden Moon Bear."

Presenting Sponsor for the Smith Nature Symposium is Abbott Laboratories. Co-sponsors for the event are the Friends of Ryerson Woods and the Lake County Forest Preserves. The Field Museum will also serve as a contributing sponsor along with the Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort, which supports the benefit dinner.

Morning activities for this year's event

include a Bird Walk from 7 to 9 a.m. and a Restoration Workday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Ryerson Woods.

Both morning events are free, and no registration is required. The morning programs are open to adults and families with children 10 vears and older.

Sy Montgomery and area women involved in science will lead afternoon workshops at Ryerson Woods from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost to attend a workshop is \$15 (\$10 for Friends of Ryerson Woods members) per person. Four workshops led by Sy Montgomery and Dr. Gary Galbreath; Counting the Birds of Ryerson Woods

for Science and Pleasure led by Sheryl Devore, writer for Chicago Wilderness and Founding Editor of Meadowlark, a birding publication of the Illinois Ornithological Society; Early Bird Project led by Dr. Shannon Hackett, head of the Division of Birds in the Zoology Department at the Field Museum; and Nature through an Artist's Eye led by Peggy Mcnamara, Artist-in-Residence at the Field Museum and an Associate Professor at the Art Institute of Chicago. To register for one of these workshops, call 847-968-3321. Pre-registration is required.



Sy Montgomery will be at the will be offered. The work-For her appearance at Ryerson Conservation Area shops are: Science and Story

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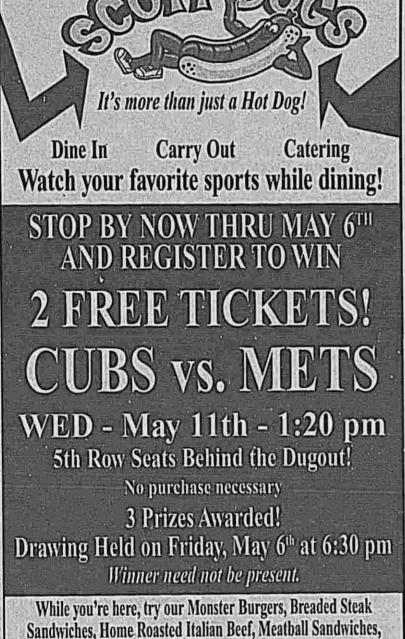
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opening this week



The Interpreter: Political intrigue and deception unfold inside the United Nations. FBI agent Sean Penn is assigned to protect an interpreter Nicole Kidman, who accidentally overhears an assassination plot. (PG-13)



King's Ransom : A loathsome businessman is out to turn his gold digging wife's scheme on its head by arranging his own kidnapping. Soon he learns that she's not the only one interested in picking his pocket. This has the makings to be this year's "White Chicks" with it's over the top, scathing humor. Stars Anthony Anderson, Regina Hall, Jay Mohr, Loretta Devine, and Donald Faison. (PG-13)

Kung Fu Hustle: A comedic marital arts film set in Shanghai, China in the 1940s. A wannabe gangster aspires to join the notorious "Axe Gang" while an annoying landlady and her apparently husband exhibit exceptional powers in defending their turf. (R)



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liver (Ashton Kutcher) arrives at the LA airport on his way to NYC. As he gets out of the car, his sister razzes him with a line that becomes a running joke throughout the film. Standing at the curb, with his usual "awed Ashton" stare, he witnesses Emily (Amanda Peet) giving her boyfriend an unpleasant send off at the top of her lungs.

They're booked on the same flight to NY and while waiting in the lounge Emily catches Oliver staring at her. Not to be outdone, she locks on his eyes as if she were an assassin. Clearly this is a woman you don't mess with.

On board the plane a drink is dumped in Oliver's lap when the person in front of him quickly reclines their seat back. He goes to the bathroom to clean up and as Oliver opens the door to return to his seat, Emily waylays him (pun intended) when she enters the tiny cubicle with him, and soon he is a member of the Mile High Club. Oliver has clearly

not had sex before with a person he's never met. No hello, no names. After they land and depart the plane, Emily Oliver and exchange a few words, without a full introduction, before they get lost in this city of 8,000,000 people.

Later that day (just like Samuel L. Jackson and Ben Affleck in the film "Changing Lanes") it comes as no surprise that Oliver and Emily just happen to bump into one another again. She's about to meet her parents who want her to attend an event she has no desire to go to. Using Oliver as an excuse, Emily tells her parents (to his surprise) that Oliver very much wants her to go to the doctor with him to get the results of important tests, leaving the impression that it could be terminal cancer or a brain tumor. This gives the lascivious couple some one-on-one time when they are not having sex (making love

is a definite overstatement).

The rest of the movie is give and take between Emily and Oliver in relationships with other people as

they go back and forth in the game of wanting each other. When one of them is ready the other is committed to a relationship with someone else. There's also the struggle for each of them to find their career paths and how to include that in their selfidentities and personal relationships.

There is some nudity for both Kutcher and Peet, which is romantically corny, and some will feel it's more R than PG-13 rated. But then, it's no more than you have seen on the TV's "NYPD Blue."

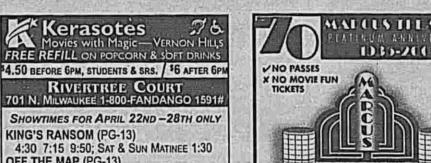
The expectancy in the movie is that by its end they will be together,

but just how will it happen?
A little of Ashton Kutcher goes a long way. He's a pleasant presence but at this time, for us, he cannot carry a full-length film. Perhaps what we don't quite connect with about him as an actor is that he always seems to be in pout mode, appropriate for a teenager going through puberty. Fortunately, in

recent outings, he teamed up with Bernie Mac ("Guess Who") and here Amanda Peet ("Melinda and Melinda"). Although we enjoyed the film, it could have had more of the impact of "Fever Pitch" if the casting had been better. Also, it could have been a little shorter. The story was long in the tooth by the time it passed the 90-minute mark.







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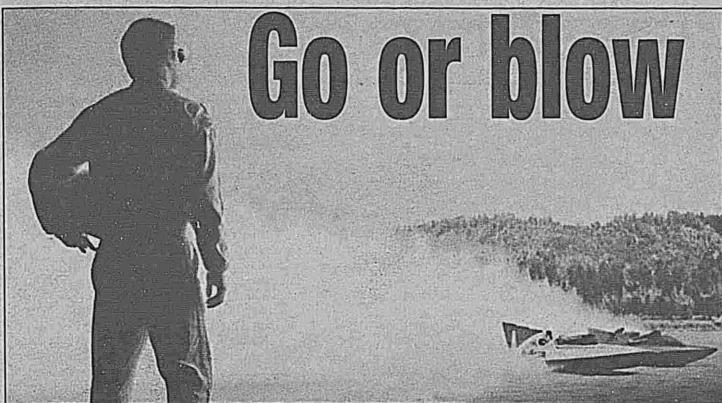


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adison, Indiana, the home of hydroplane boat racing is the setting for this "inspired by real life" story. Jim McCormick, a wellknown racer on the circuit is portrayed by James Caviezel of "The Passion of the Christ." It's 1971 and Jim and his wife Bonnie (Mary McCormack of "K-Pax") and their pre-teen son Mike (Jake Lloyd) are a close knit family struggling to make ends meet in this small town. Madison was once a booming town because of its robust river traffic business. How America's goods are moved has changed and as a result, people are leaving the town as the jobs are lost and businesses are shuttered.

Bonnie urges Jim to take a job in Chicago with a networking connection. However, his heart is in the sport of hydroplane racing and Madison, though he hasn't raced since a terrible accident several years earlier killed his best friend and left Jim with a decided limp. When another of his buddies moves away, Jim steps into the lead role of managing their boat racing team. Although Bonnie is not happy, she stands by him.

Madison is the laughing stock of the race circuit. When the luck of the draw gives them



a chance to host the Gold Cup, the equivalent of the Daytona 500, Jim writes a check for \$50,000 on the spot on an account that no doubt doesn't have enough to buy a bag of groceries. He convinces the local banker to give him a few weeks to raise the money by clearing the check as slowly as possible. When those days run out and the town's pride is invested in the race, the mayor moves money from government reserves so that Jim can use it. The plan is to repay it when a sufficient amount of race tickets are sold. If they don't sell, both Jim and the Mayor will face heavy A STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE COLUMN TO SERVICE AND ASSESSMENT OF THE SERVICE AND ASSESSMENT OF THE SERVICE ASSESSMENT OF

charges.

Their boat, "Miss Madison 06" does not do very well in the races leading up to the Gold Cup. Opposition is against the well financed and well equipped boats of Budweiser and Atlas Van Lines (deep pocket backers of these fast boats and perhaps of this film as well, due to a considerable amount of screen time). Young Mike travels the circuit with his dad, and the other youngsters have little mercy for the boy with the boat that some say is so slow you need a calendar rather than a clock to time it. When the other kids come to Madison, Mike finally is able to showcase his Midwestern valuesæand a pretty impressive steamboat on the river. This creates the dramatic setting for a come-from-behind victory at the end of the film.

There are authentic moments in the movie that go beyond the documentary footage.

As is the case with racecars on the round track, hydroplane boat racing is dangerous. Bonnie observes at one point that they would often race on Sunday and attend a funeral on Tuesday. Sometimes when the driver was

making a last minute push to win a race, it was

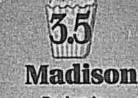
either "go or blow."

This film is just coming out after being on the shelf for four years. This somewhat unusual sports story is corny, without going all the way to syrupy, but hard not to like. For those looking for a warm film with family values as a core theme, this one fits the bill. With the controversy and huge promotion (and the recent re-release) of "The Passion of the Christ," in which James Caviezel played Jesus, Caviezel's name is now much better known.

George's Take: When I was a teenager my dad had a 16-foot fishing boat just like the one in the movie. The surprise in the film was that the logo on the boat said "Sears," the same place Dad bought his boat. That's some very impressive attention to detail.

Pam's Take: If you ever drive the county roads in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan-orany other Midwestern state, the decline and desolation of some of the towns will remind you of what has happened to the place Bonnie drives through in

The archival footage of actual boat crashes introduces the casual observer to the real perils of hydroplane racing and lifts this film above the water line of mediocrity. Although totally predictable with respect to the outcome, it was enjoyable to have a happy ending, which was reinforced with documentary footage of a real sporting event (as in "Fever Pitch"). "Madison" is an excellent family film. This come-frombehind true story is a great inspiration for any town or city that has to find a new way to survive.



Review by Pam & George O. Singleton

at info@reelmoviecritic.com Cast **James Caviezel** Jim McCormick Mary McCormack Bonnie McCormick Bruce Dern

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Under the direction of Steve Porch, Lakes Area Community Band is a 40-member, not-for-profit group of musicians from the area 'who volunteer their time and talents purely for the love of making music' says Porch. Formed over 13 years ago and sponsored by Festival Arts of Antioch, the band rehearses every Monday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. and performs 8 to 10

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James Creek Road and the Abbott Jazz Band have joined forces to offer an evening of music, food and fun to benefit One Safe Place, the area's first transitional living program opening to serve battered women and their children that opens later this year.

The event begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, and is being hosted by the Winthrop Harbor VFW at 112 Sheridan Road in Winthrop Harbor, IL Donations of a \$5.00 admission will be accepted at the door. Exciting raffle prizes will be offered, with the drawings being held from 6:30 to 7p.m.

The Abbott Jazz Band leads off the evening at 5 p.m. and will be followed at the conclusion of the raffle drawings by the James Creek Road Bluegrass Band at 7

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For more information about the concert, please phone 847-445-2481.

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TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

It's hard to resist friends, Taurus, especially when they approach you with an idea that sounds like it can't fail. Get a professional opinion, though before you sign on.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Erratic behavior by a family member makes your life difficult this week, Gemini. With work projects on the back burner, you're feeling pulled in a million directions.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Be prepared to deal with the hitches associated with a work commute, Cancer. This week proves to be very busy for travel. Leave enough time so you don't end up frazzled.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Murphy's Law will be messing up your plans, Leo. Be prepared to deal with glitches that affect your finances, like a credit card that won't work or checks that bounce.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

When you least expect it, conflicts might arise between your significant other and your family. No matter what is said, try to show compassion for both sides, Virgo.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

In a rush to bring business to a close, miscommunications could arise, Libra. Expect to work out a few problems when the new week arrives. You'll be the hero.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Unexpected expenses are par for the course this week, Scorpio. Since you have the money to cover them, don't worry too much about being frivolous. You're not a spendthrift.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You might notice something about one or both of your parents that seems odd this week, Sagittarius. Unless they open up to you, it's better to let sleeping dogs lie.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

You treat personal information with extreme confidentiality normally, Capricom, but this week, you may disclose something that you didn't mean to.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Professional organizations or group activities could raise some unexpected financial concerns, Aquarius. Don't let it overly worry you... you'll manage.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You may have lofty travel plans, Pisces, but no money in your wallet to back them up. Get creative so that you can still get away.

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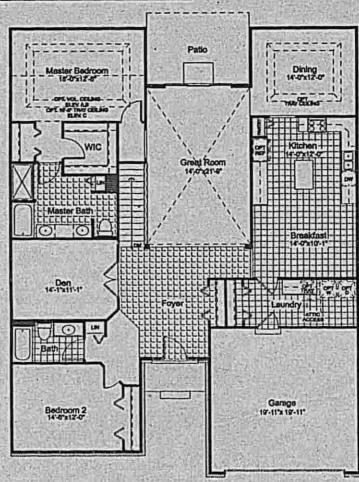
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Home details

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For more information on this home, visit LakeCountyList ings.com.



412 Claridge Court Lake Villa \$350,000

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Home details

Year built: 2001 LR: 16X13 DR: 12X12 KIT: 14X13

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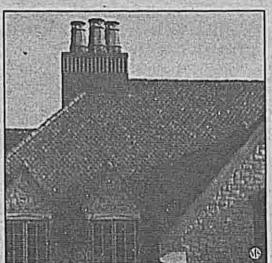
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Chimney Caps Offer Safety and Beauty

Chimneys are safer and more attractive than ever before due in large part to the chimney caps that accentuate their design appeal. More companies than ever before are offering chimney caps to help homeowners improve the safety and style of their home exteriors.

"Chimney caps have been around for over 50 years," says Bob



Copper chimney caps enhance exterior appeal as well as provide many safety benefits.

Daniels, founder of European Copper Chimney Pots by HomeSaver Inc. of Fairfield, Iowa, a producer of chimney liners, dampers and caps. "But over the last few years, they have become a design element as well as a safety tool."

Daniels points out that chimney caps are essential to the proper functioning and safety of a chimney. They prevent damage to a chimney's bricks, mortar, liner and firebox by deflecting rain. In addition, they prevent animals from building nests in the chimney and blocking its flue. Spark arrestor screens also reduce the chance of roof fires by preventing sparks from

escaping the chimney. While chimney caps are traditionally made of stainless steel, copper is emerging as another material because of its durability and beauty. The European Copper Chimney Cap line by HomeSaver was designed by architect Jack Arnold, whose signature Old World house plans are inspired by the French countryside. This influence has transcended into Arnold's designs for the European Copper Chimney Pots — showcasing classic lines and sophisticated details. They are substantial pieces, available in five styles: The King, Queen, Bishop, Knight and Pawn. All offer a different design presentation and measure up to 3 feet in height.

"These are the ultimate in copper caps," adds Daniels. "They're like the Bentley of the auto industry: very sophisticated and impressive, and definitely an architectural element."

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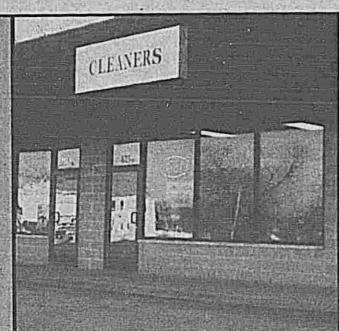


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CONDELL HEALTH NETWORK

Condell Auxiliary Presents Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show

The Auxiliary of Condell Medical Center will present a spring luncheon and fashion show Sat., Apr. 30 at 11:30 am, at the Arboretum, 401 W. Half Day Rd., Buffalo Grove. Eight professional models will be modeling fashions furnished by Carson Pirie Scott, Hawthorn, in Vernon Hills.

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Parents' Guide to Communicating with Your Teen

On Wednesday, April 27, This seminar provides an overview of adolescent development for parents. The seminar will be held at 7 p.m. at Saint Therese Medical Center, 2615 Washington Street, Waukegan. Please call 1-800-843-2464 for more information or to register.



PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

Hi Dr. Singer,

We have several grade school age kids. We think our kids are pretty smart and are capable of understanding things well, but when it comes to doing things they want to do, even if they are not o.k. with us, they seem to still go ahead and do them. We try explaining why they should not do them, but they do them anyway. When we explain why they should not do them, they seem to glaze over. Do all kids do this or did we just get lucky and is it just a special trait in our three? G.G.

Hi G.G.,

Fear not! All kids do this. Not because they're bad. Just because they're kids. The 1st piece of advice I ever give parents who come to see me about kid behavior problems is to stop feeling a need to justify everything you do with your kids when they misbehave. Explanations of bad behavior are o.k., but timing is everything. For explanations to change behavior at all, they need to happen after the behavior costs the child something. If you talk first and punish later, or worse yet, don't punish, you are wasting valuable oxygen and will never see a change in behavior. Even worse, you are training your kids to not respect you. That can become disastrous if not reigned in fast. If you are not sure

Save the explanations – They don't change bad behavior

whether you do this or not, it's easy to find out. Just listen to yourself the next time your child misbehaves. Are you punishing the misbehavior right away to be effectively teaching the child what to do or not do, or are you gently giving a thesis on why that was the wrong choice? When I say punish I do not mean violently!

In order to make a child stop misbehaving, you must first think like a child. Ask yourself if any of your explanations would mean something to you if you were a child right now. For example, if you are a child who is swinging around a yo-yo because it is fun, and then mom comes over and tells you to stop swinging it because it could hit the baby, what do you think will be important to that child at that moment? If you are smart, you will realize that the yo-yo swinging is fun and feels better than not yo-yo swinging and the baby is second priority at best. Not because the child resents the baby (although that can happen too,) but because the child is having immediate fun swinging the yo-yo. Also, because the child dos not have the same understanding of cause and effect that you do. The child thinks in the moment and doesn,t worry about what happens next. That is normal for all kids. This is also where parents get very tempted to want to explain cause and effect. Teaching is fine as long as you understand that the explanation does not get remembered unless there is something else first. You must have their attention first and to do that you must use appropriate punishment. For those of you who know me, you know I do not mean violent punishment. For those of you who do not know me, listen up-there are many great, creative punishments that can be used that work well without the use of violence!

If you want to stop wasting your

breath and make sure your child listens the first time, punish first and ask questions later. Stop explaining why they need to stop doing the bad act first. Stop them from doing it, make it immediately feel bad that they did it and then afterwards you can teach the lesson and explain all you want. If you keep explaining and never punish the bad behavior, the child realizes that there are good odds that he or she will get away with whatever was done and only have to listen to you talk (probably in a kind and gentle way-after all, isn't that what most parents have been taught to do lately?) Ask yourself how much that would make you think about doing that behavior again?

If you feel "addictively" compelled to give explanations and you feel you are out of options that are effective to stop bad behavior and you are tired of the bad behavior, come see me. I can teach you a short, sweet system that stops bad behavior, even in distractible kids, fast, with very

little effort on your part.

Dr. Sherri Singer is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Childhood Behavior Specialist. She regularly works in person with many readers of this column, helping them to significantly improve their kid,s behavior, attention and processing skills. You can find Dr. Singer's "Tic Mark System of Behavior Improvement in Kids' very helpful in making great changes in a child,s life. This system has promoted very fast behavior change both at home and school with very little work from parents and teachers. Dr. Singer continues to help kids with improving attention, focus and processing in her Attention, Behavior and Learning Success Program. For an appointment, please call (847) 231-5644 or (708) 962-2549.

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"Exercising outdoors can be extremely invigorating, especially if you've been cooped up inside all winter," says Jeff Zwiefel, senior vice president, Life Time University. "Incorporating outdoor activities into your daily exercise routine allows for a refreshing change of scenery and can put the fun back into your workouts."

Plus, diversifying your routine by bicycling, walking, jogging, playing golf and tennis can also help strengthen and condition a range of muscle groups.

Another of the great things about outdoor exercise is that you can turn it into a social outing. In case the warm, spring weather isn't quite the motivation you need, get yourself involved with new outdoor exercise groups and activities.

However you refresh your workouts with the coming of spring, supplementing outdoor exercise with regular visits to your health and fitness center will ensure that you remain active during those rainy days and colder months. Remember, too, that your resistance training is a critical component of a balanced fitness program, so keep visiting your gym for weight training and group fitness classes. And remember, exercise doesn't need to be done alone, so call that long-lost friend and arrange to meet over a brisk walk or bicycle ride in the park or a stroll through your neighborhood. Try to find someone with a similar fitness level and don't be afraid to try a variety of activities. It will keep your fitness routine from getting boring and you might find a new activity that you enjoy.

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in this sales event will be domestic and imported sport cars, sedans, vans, sport utility vehicles, and trucks, many still under factory warranty. Lumpkins explained, "This is a great deal for bargain hunters. Simply pick out one of the hundred vehicles that have been traded, repossessed or purchased from around the country, pay a \$79* fee and start making payments. This is not a lease program." For example buy a vehicle with the sale price of \$4,995 with just \$79 down* and your monthly payment will be \$79* a month based on 60 months at 7.9% APR plus tax, title, license and Doc fee. "With payments as low as \$79* per month and just \$79 down*, you can't afford to miss this sale," said Lumpkins. "The banks are making a buy of a

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-Terry Lumpkins

General Manager

lifetime offer to the public, thus making it very attractive for the person who wants a super clean, safety inspected car or truck," said Lumpkins, General Manager of The Tent Sales Event at Hobo's in Waukegan. "First of all, we've marked down every used car and truck in stock at least \$2,000 below retail value and also many have the balance of the factory warranty remaining, at no charge to the buyer." This sales event is Wednesday April 20th through Saturday April 23rd, so arrive early for the best selection! "If anyone has doubts, I will be more

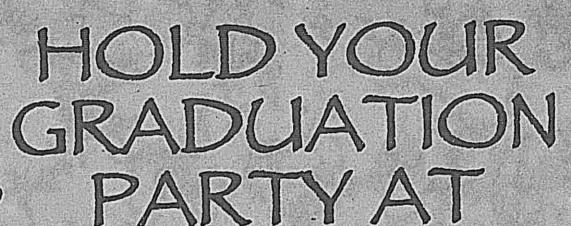
than happy to show them the Blue Book value on the vehicle that they are interested in." During this one time only sales event, cars that normally sell for five to ten thousand dollars, will be sold for

three to five thousand, some cars will be sold for \$79* per month! Bank reps will be on hand to help pre-approve you before the sale. Lumpkins went on to say, "Even with slow, no or bad credit, the banks will do whatever it takes to loan good people with bad credit money for a vehicle, provided they are currently employed." This sale will be held this

Wednesday through Friday until 9pm and Saturday until 6pm at The Tent Sales Event, located at 2650 Belvedere Road at the corner of Belvedere and Green Bay in the Hobo's parking lot. For more information, call The Tent Sales Event at Hobo's in Waukegan at 800-659-9783.

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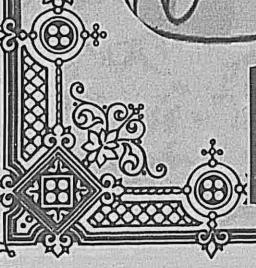
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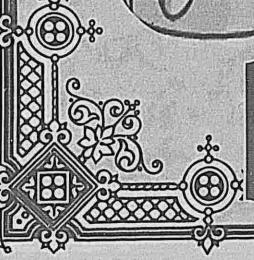
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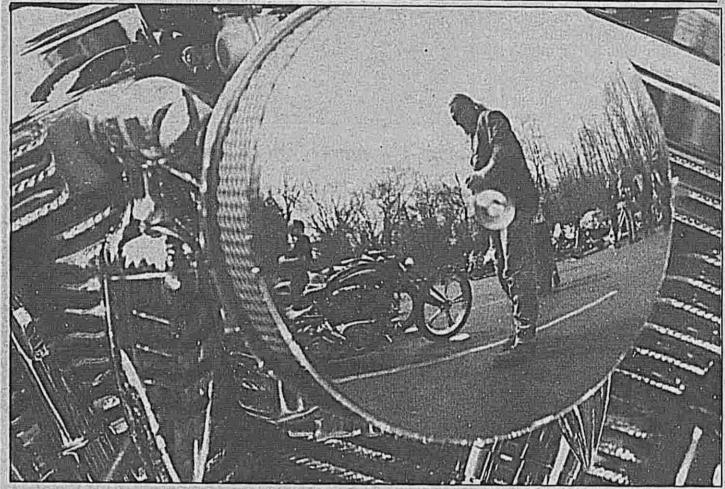


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Seen through the reflection on a custom V-Twin, Roy "Pigpen" McConnell, of Crystal Lake, checks out a ground hugging Harley, during the Inaugural Iron Horse Roundup and Bike Show at Austin's Saloon and Eatery in Libertyville.

Drug discount program paying early dividends

By Nicholas Alajakis

Staff Reporter

In less than two months since the program was implemented, nearly 400 Lake County residents have saved \$10,000 with an exclusive drug discount program

offered by the county. Early feedback has suggested that residents are taking advantage of the program, which kicked off in late February, said Patricia Donald, director of community health services for the Lake County Health Department.

Lake County is one of only 16 counties nationwide to participate in the early stages of the pilot program while NACo determines its success.

There is no enrollment necessary for the discount. It is available to all county residents who are uninsured, or whose insurance plan does not provide assistance with This is really something that has touched a lot of people. It's not limited by anything."

> Patricia Donald Lake County Health Dept.

prescription drugs, Donald said.

There are a whole bunch of other (drug discount) programs out there," Donald said. "Were not trying to promote this above other (programs)...it's just a good option,"

In the fist five weeks of the program 363 people picked up the discount cards from local governmental buildings. Those 363 people have already had 784 prescriptions, Donald said.

Total savings have come out to \$9,685. Savings have averaged about 19 percent per prescription,

'This is really something that has touched a lot of people,"
Donald said of the availability of
discount cards. "It's not limited by
anything."

Not limited, because most anyone can pick up of the discount cards and immediately begin saving at local pharmacies. Roughly 80 percent of lake County pharmacies are accepting the discount cards, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club are notable exceptions.

Because it is still a pilot program, NACo representatives have said they are unsure how long it will continue. The program is to be reviewed in early summer, at which point it could be expanded to more counties or discontinued, Donald said.

Early feedback has suggested that NACo will continue, said Andrew Goldschmidt, director of membership for NACo.

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Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, named Pope Benedict XVI is the Catholic church's 265th leader.

County reacts to choice of new pope

By Matt Pera

Staff Reporter

As news came from Vatican City that the conclave of cardinals had selected the Catholic Church's new pope April 19, after about two days of discussion, Lake County Catholic congregations rejoiced at the choosing of their new leader.

German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, 78, was named Pope Benedict XVI, the 265th man to hold

that position.

Many priests and members of the church said they were surprised that the decision came so quickly, as no conclave in recent memory has been so prompt.

Father Don Dietz, of St. Peter's Church in Volo, said he had expected the voting would last at least a

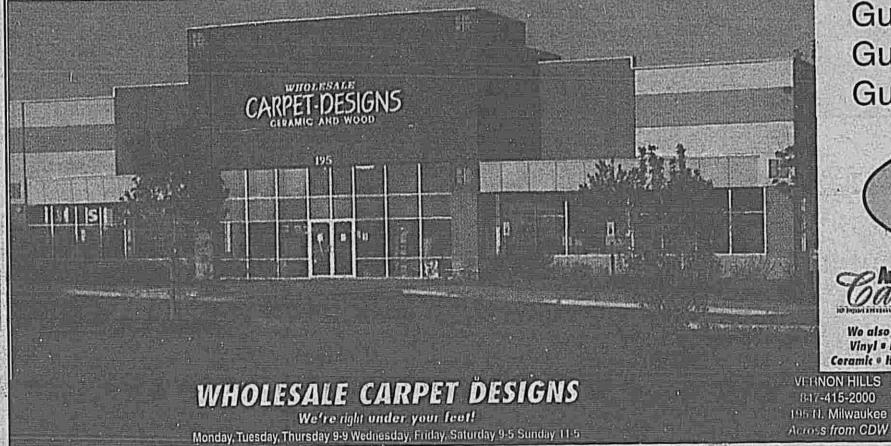
day or two longer.

But, he added, he and his congregation were happy with the decision that introduced Pope Benedict XVI to the world.

"I think he's very clear on what Jesus and the church teach and that's what we need," Dietz said.

During the tenure of the recently deceased Pope John Paul II, Ratzinger was known as the pontiff's spiritual right hand.

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Martin is named Vista's interim chief

Victory named Services Barbara J. Martin as Interim Chief Executive Officer for Vista Health and Victory Health Services, its parent organization, effective April 29.

Martin has served as Vista's Chief Operating Officer since June 1, 2004, and joined

the organization in October 2003 in a consulting role. Throughout this time, she has been responsible for the daily operations of Vista Health, strategic planning for growth and development of physician relationships.

"I am pleased to accept this position and have the opportunity to lead Vista and work with the outstanding physicians and employees at Vista," said Martin. "I have a strong commitment to



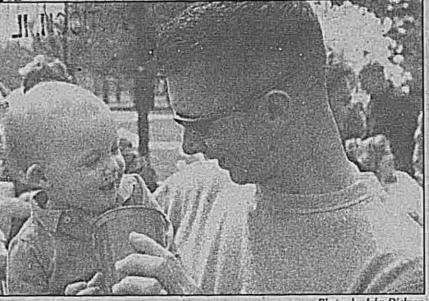
Martin: 28 years in healthcare.

collaborating with our doctors, nurses, community, staff and volunteers to ensure Vista offers the best possible health care to residents of Waukegan and the surrounding communities."

Martin brings 28 years of professional experience in the health care industry, with the

last 26 years in hospital administration. Prior to joining Vista, she served as interim Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President for Patient Service Operations for Temple University Hospitals. In her previous role she was System Vice President of Clinical Operations for Provena Health. Prior to that, she served as Vice President of Operations for Provena's flagship hospital, St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet.

COMING HOME



Photos by John Dickson

Above-Sgt. Scott Reynolds, with the Weapons Company, 24th Marines, plays with his 13-month-old daughter Emma Reynolds. When Sgt. Reynolds left to serve in Iraq, his daughter was 2 months old. Members of the weapons company used the welcome home picnic, in their honor, to reconnect and bond with friends and family.

Right-Corporal Anthony Buckel, is somber while the audience at the welcome home party for the Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, take a moment to remember friends that had been lost while serving in Iraq.



New firm hired in CLC search

The College of Lake County board of trustees appointed the Pauly Group of Springfield, Ill., to conduct a re-opened search for a new president of the college. The serious consideration. In the end, current president, Gretchen J. Naff, will retire on June 30.

The board made its decision after emerging from a three-hour closed session. "We know that selecting a new president is very important to our community, and especially within the college," said board Chairman William M. Griffin after the meeting. "We've received comments supporting the decision we announced last

month to re open the search and others asking us to re-consider other finalists from the search. We felt these comments deserved we still feel that re-opening the search is in the best interests of the college."

Griffin also said that the board expects to name an interim president soon to take over when President Naff retires. "We know continuity is important and want to reassure our students, our employees and the community that we are addressing this issue."

month after the board made an offer to its first choice among four finalists but was unable to reach a contract agreement with the candidate. Unable to reach a consensus on any of the other finalists, the board decided to re-open the

The Pauly Group will conduct the new search under a contract for \$44,600. The process is expected to take 19-20 weeks. Griffin said that members of the original search committee, composed of representatives from the college and community, have been asked The original search ended last to work with the new consultant.

5K run/walk for cancer on tap for May 1

The Cancer Wellness Center of Northbrook is sponsoring its first "Stepping Up To Wellness" 5K Run/Walk on May 1, at 9 a.m., at Independence Grove, Libertyville. There also will be a 1-mile Family Walk honoring the life of Marcia Slotky featuring Benny the Bull and a DJ beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Entry for the Run/Walk is \$25 for individuals; \$50 for the Family Walk, up to six people. On-site registration at 8 a.m., May 1 is \$30 for the Run/Walk and \$60 for the Family Walk, up to six people.

Proceeds from the debut event will benefit the Center's new, free Healthy Lifestyle Program for individuals and their families fighting cancer in Chicago and the northern suburbs.

For registration, to form a team, www.cancerwellness.org. visit Registration also can be completed at Running Right, 1770 First Street, Highland Park, which will take inquiries at 847-432-2884. Volunteers are needed in many capacities to assist on May 1and may sign up by calling the Cancer Wellness Center at 847-509-9595.

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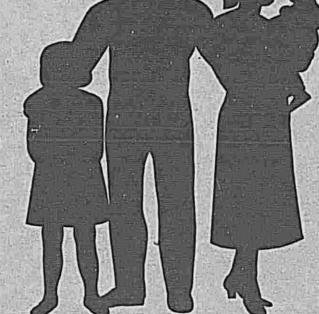
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Help for oft-undiagnosed disorder at seminar

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

A Lake County woman's painful parenting experiences motivate her efforts to treat nationally a problem that she believes tears apart families and individual lives.

Started by Gurnee resident Nancy Spoolstra, the Attachment Disorder Network (ADN) serves foster and adoptive families parenting children who have been abused or neglected, causing them to suffer from Reactive Attachment Disorder. The group will host a seminar at Village Church of Gurnee, located at 1319 N. Hunt Club Road, on April 27 and 28.

Many children raised at a young age by multiple caregivers learn to be mistrustful of all adults, Spoolstra said, and assimilating them into healthy families could take years.

"These are the kids that grow up to be borderline-antisocial sociopaths," Spoolstra said. "They're people who don't understand how to interact with those with those around them."

Sexually and emotionally abused, her children's behavior ranged from playing off their pitiable persona to score test answers at school to breaking a cat's leg. One child sometimes lashed out at her because her motherly role reminded him of being left alone at an early age. "He was afraid to be vulnerable, so they do all kinds of distancing behaviors," Spoolstra said.

She hopes to educate parents, social workers, educators and other adults why children who have endured traumatic early childhoods act as they do, and how to respond to unruly behavior when exhibited. Also discussed will be the numerous conditions that often coexist with RAD, such as bipolar disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Children with RAD demand a rigidly controlled, structured environment to become emotionally healthy adults, and Spoolstra found that residents and agencies have been "unprepared for the issues (RAD sufferers) brought into the county.

"Parents should've have to wear all the

hats," she said. "The whole concept that it takes a village to raise a child has never been more valid.

ADN administrative assistant Kelly Killian said that "virtually every child that's adopted has some form of RAD, and it's just a matter of how far it swings."

They were typically ignored or abused during their formative years, she said, and must learn to trust the adults now responsible for their upbringing.

Her own child often acts violently and doesn't yet "trust that I'm going to be there everyday, . and that's we're not going to move him again, even though he's been here for six years," Killian said. "If they can't bond with a parent, how can they have a bonding relationship with a husband and wife or their future children?"

Five years passed before Killian could have her child diagnosed, and she regrets the time and progress lost. Most parents don't remain unaware that ADN exists, and must actively treat the resulting problems because medication doesn't exist to nullify the negative effects.

Echoing Spoolstra's statements, Killian said that teachers and other authority figures must assert their power over these children, who are often purposely confrontational to keep control of situations. Disciplines that work with healthy children, such as sticker charts rewarding achievement, fail to sway children with RAD who don't want to achieve, she said.

Their seminar will give parents advice such as telling their children to clean their rooms, but to have a nasty fit before they do so. "It's a win-win situation," Killian said.

Registration for the seminars begins at 7:30 a.m. April 27 and 28; the seminars run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Therapist Nancy Thomas will lead three different sessions and define ways of handling children who have RAD. Parents who wish to learn more about the disorder may visit the network's Web site at www.radzebra.org.

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Bean, Ryg find future in center

wo Democratic women are cruising down the middle of the road as they attempt to put a new face on their party as it stands today in Lake County. How successful they are portends Lake County's political future.

Both Congresswoman Melissa Bean (R-8th) and State Rep. Kathy Ryg (D-Vernon Hills) are cultivating an image of careful spenders and pro-economic development personnas in contract to stereo-typical depictions of "tax and spend" liberal Democrats. Bean and Ryg are correctly reading the political tea leaves that Lake County, by and large, is predominantly conservative on social and economic issues.

As a freshman in Congress, Bean has spoken out that "taxes are too high and the federal government spends too much." Bean supported a bill to keep Terri Schiavo on life support. She voted for continuing military recruitment on college campuses and federalizing driver's license rules to hinder terrorists.

So far Bean looks like anything but a disciple of wildeyed Nancy Pelosi, House minority leader and "yard boss" for liberals in Congress.

In a communication to the publisher of Lakeland Newspapers, Ryg told how she recognizes the burden placed on Illinois businesses by tax increases. "I remain committed to making Illinois an attractive place to do business," the second-term Democrat asserted. I am working to root out excess government spending and efficiently implement proven growth strategies and develop new ones." Ryg expressed her view that limiting taxation is an element of a strong economy; that it must be combined with a strategy for economic growth.

Republican leaders are saying that Bean is practicing political survival and that ultimately she will running on a "wishy-washy" record in 2006. The view of Ryg is that she is firming up a strong base in her central Lake County district where voters will see her as a pragmatic centerist not beholden to more of the extreme principals of the Democratic left fringe.

Representing youth and vigor on both the Lake County political landscape and within their own party, Democratic leaders will be keeping closes tabs on how Bean and Ryg are voting and what they are saying.

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VIEWPOINT

Marines back home; walking with heroes

aghdad is a long way from Viking Park, but Lake the 24th Marines. County Marines are The common thread of well on their way to readjusting to civilian life after a seven-month deployment in

With their wives, children, girlfriends, parents and friends, the local Leathernecks, members of Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines headquartered in Waukegan, relaxed in the Gurnee sunshine, chatted, and enjoyed brats and hamburgers at a welcome home picnic arranged by the Lake County Marine Corps League with the help of volunteers and area businesses.

that distant trouble spot.

"We wanted to say thanks. It's the least we can do," said Atty. Peter Karlovics of Gurnee, taking a break

from grilling burgers. He is a veteran himself of Desert Storm service and duty with

conversation was that the Marines are anxious to return to their regular jobs and that they feel they made a contribution to U.S. efforts to pave the way for democracy in a land dominated for years by a brutal dictator and a culture that treats women like house servants.

"We could see changes in our short time there. The people are more open today than before," remarked Lance Cpl. Eric Perez, 25, of Mundelein, who attended the picnic with his wife Veronica, and sons Michael, 7, and Alex, 4. Perez, a graduate of Carmel High School and a four-year member of the unit, who was assigned

as a member of the Mobile Strike Team. Perez, who will be returning to employment as a private investigator, explained that the team was engaged in "down and dirty" assignments like rooting out insurgents, protecting convoys and maintaining order in the Iraqi population.

Sgt. David Leslie, 27, of Lake Villa, a chemist at Emco Chemical Co., North Chicago, and the battalion optics specialist, described the citizenry of the unit's assigned territory, a suburb of Baghdad, as basically a "lot of good people, but you had to keep your guard up." Leslie was among personnel looking after detainees. Combining his limited knowledge of Arabic and their broken English, Leslie was able to communicate. A Warren High graduate, Leslie

attended the picnic with his wife, Julia, who is employed at a Grayslake Montessori School. They will celebrate their first wedding anniversary in May. Their marriage took place shortly before the Weapons Company was activated and sent to California for training last summer.

Bill Schroeder

Publisher

Lance Cpl. Sean Fenzel, 23, of Grayslake, said Iraqi citizens were "stand-offish" at first, but as they better understood U.S. goals and aims, they opened their shops and related to the Marines. "Of course, the threat level always was high," added Fenzel, an employee of the village of Winnetka Public Works Dept. Marines found roadside bombings to be the greatest danger. At the picnic, Fenzel was get-

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COMMENTARY



SEEING IT THROUGH John Matijevich

Part II

resident Bush has claimed that Social Security is in a dire crisis and we must change it structurally now. That means that we must adopt his privatization

As I wrote in the last column, if nothing is done to the Social Security system, all benefits will be paid for about 50 years. In the last of this series, I will discuss how we can guarantee the future of the system. But, it sure won't be through privatization. That is non-negotiable. If that is slammed down our collective throats, it would be the beginning of the end of Social Security.

As to the crisis, or emergency. There is no question that Medicare is in a greater crisis than Social Security. That's no surprise. In their haste to enact changes to the prescription drug program for senior citizens during the election season, the administration forgot one important point. They didn't fund it responsibly; in fact the whole program was hastily done to satisfy the pharmaceutical and insurance industries.

Social Security-Privatization will kill it

Haste does make waste. The point is clear. Medicare needs quicker attention than Social Security.

Can President bush make a case that Social Security is more of a crisis than Medicaid? Tell that to every governor in the country who will tell you that the programs designed to serve 52 million are being short-changed by the federal government and squeezing state budgets. These are programs for the poor and disabled. I'm sure the president would have a hard time convincing former Wisconsin governor and head of the president's Health and Human Services agency, Tommy Thompson, that Social Security is more of a crisis than Medicaid. Thompson was never a hit with insiders in government because he liked to "tell it like it is." Just two weeks ago, he warned openly about the crisis with the Medicaid program.

Yes, there are some more immediate crises, Mr. President. Instead of pitching the doom and gloom meltdown of the Social Security system, why not start a dialogue about a crisis that few in government want to admit or discuss, when over 45 million Americans have no health care insurance coverage, at all, isn't that a real crisis? President Bush says that his

Social Security concern is for the young adults. Aren't they the largest group with no health insurance? That crisis is real, and

Another crisis that most anyone in education will surely tell you is critical is the administration lapse in funding the "No Child Left Behind Act." There again, it was an "election time promotion," with nowhere near the funding to make it work. Education cannot wait as long "to fix the problem."

Oh, yes, the budget shortfall relates directly to the Social Security issue. It is no secret that the president and Congress like to dip into the Social Security fund reserves to plug some of their wild spending habits. And, yes, they will tell us that their borrowing from that fund is in guaranteed treasury notes. But, what happens when the deficits get so large that we cannot pay what we have borrowed from foreign governments like China. I'm sure that the politicians will tell Social Security "to get in back of the line."

I believe that you get the picture. Social Security, at this time, is more solvent than most aspects of federal government. I hope that the president attends to them with as much vigor as the "phony crisis" that he has engineered.

Kiesgen 'alone' in man's world

imberly "Kim" Kiesgen, energetic and personable, doesn't feel special, but her election as highway commissioner of Grant Township (Fox Lake/Ingleside) put the tall blonde in a class by herself. She's the only female highway commissioner in the state of Illinois.

Kiesgen was appointed township highway chief two years ago when her husband, Jack, long-time commissioner, was sidelined with ill health. She ran uncontested in the April 5 township election.

With 57 miles to maintain, Grant has one of the larger township highway systems in Lake County. Kiesgen jokes that she can handle just about every job in the 7-person department except welding. "I'm an admin-istrator, secretary, laborer, and commissioner all rolled in one," exclaimed Kiesgen, whose work attire usually is jeans and laced boots.

Equally at home behind a desk or on the roadside helping clear right-of-way brush, Kim joined the department as a part-time secretary 18 years ago.

Job opening

First order of business for the newly elected board of trustees of the Village of Indian Creek will be find a village clerk, the job "nobody wanted" in the April 5 election. The ballot slot was empty. Indian Creek, located astride Route 45 between Vernon Hills and Mundelein, is Lake County's smallest municipality in population. Maybe Mayor Stephen Starykowicz will be doing double duty taking minutes until a clerk can be located.

Persistence pays

Newly-elected Grayslake Trustee Shawn Vogel is an example that persistence pays in politics. While still in his 20s, Vogel started running for village trustee six years ago. He failed three times before winning April 5. Besides improving his name recognition,



Vogel: Fourth time Rudny: No hard the charm for position



feelings as he leaves office



Link: Helping pave way for split district



Jackson: Will make run against Sen. Link

Vogel said working with a ticket was a big part of his victory. A born-and-raised resident of Grayslake, Vogel was elected from a field of seven.

No bitterness

If there are any traces of bitterness on the part of outgoing Gurnee Mayor Don Rudny, they're not showing, according to friends and supporters. Rudny has a lengthy record of public service including four years as mayor. As a registered engineer, he will be devoting full-time to his professional practice, a job he definitely had "back-burnered."

LaHood, Oberweis

Memo to handicappers on prospective Republican nominees for governor in 2006. Lake County party people—the pros, insiders and would-be king makers-are beginning to line up behind downstate Congressman Ray LaHood of Peoria. The LaHood "word" definitely is out in Lake County. Jim Oberwels, who already is on a first-name basis with many county GOPers after two state-wide races, is holding down second place here with the rank and file, familiar territory for him as an alsoran In previous elections.

Precinct voice

Former Lincolnshire Mayor Evelyn Cooper, back as a Republican precinct captain in Vernon Township, has some definite ideas about need for state organization revitalization. She's not reluctant to speak out. Cooper was appalled at the paucity of Bush literature (make that virtual absence) last fall in Lake County and around the state. She tracked down enough Bush pamphlets for her precinct from a relative in Wisconsin. "The problem was that party leaders wrote off Illinois for the state ticket. That was both wrong and stupid," Cooper insists.

Battling over books

State Sen. Terry Link (D-Waukegan), a former resident of Vernon Hills, was doing his former hometown a favor by introducing a bill that would enable Vernon Hills to withdraw from Cook Library District of Libertyville. OK for Vernon Hills, but maybe not so good for us, say librarians around the state. They see passage of the bill as an invitation to ambitious neighbors to shrink their districts. Maybe so, but detaching Vernon Hills is seen as the only way to end fighting between the two communities over the proper way to manage library service. Vernon Hills residents say they are forever shortchanged by being part of the Cook district.

Jackson returns

Greg Jackson is not giving up in his quest for public office. The Buffalo Grove resident is the first Republican to announce his challenge of State Sen. Terry Link (D-Waukegan) of the 30th District in the 2006 election. Jackson has run unsuccessfully in the past. He will be feted at a reception at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, at the Arboretum Club, 401 Half Day Rd. The 30th District runs from Waukegan and Park City on the north to Buffalo Grove on the south and includes North Chicago, Green Oaks and Lincolnshire. The elongated district was designed to favor Democrats and was a product of Democratic mapmakers in the last redistricting process. Tickets and information about the Jackson for Senate campaign can be obtained by calling 847-478-

Time's ticking

Ken Kessler wasn't sure April 19 what sort of office hours he will keep when he takes over the position of Mundelein Mayor.

But the mayor-elect vowed to make sure he was available to his constituents.

"I certainly intented do be at village hall a few days a week. Whether I have regular office hours or am available on an as-needed basis has yet to be seen," Kessler said. "We just have to see what feels right once I get in."

Kessler will take the oath of office May 9. In the interim, he said he was meeting with village department heads to make sure the transition from long-time Mayor Marilyn Sindles to his administration went as smoothly as possible. Sindles was an every day mayor,

That included setting up some communication networks, where Kessler will be accessible through both his cell phone and BlackBerry communication device, should he be out of the office.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Boutique schools add to tax burden

r. Anderson discussed at the District 46 Board meeting, how the district needs to view itself as more regional and not just serving Grayslake. He supported this position by rightly indicating all the other municipalities that are served by District 46. What was not mentioned was that most of these other municipalities are more than happy to allow their new residential development to fall into District 46 but with NO accompanying commercial development. This means that the existing residents within the district are then forced to subsidize each new "boutique elementary school" that's built in every large new subdivision. The new Medrona Village School in Round Lake is a perfect example.

District 46 should indicate to developers and their villages that if a new project does not have an accompanying commercial element helping to defray the costs of the additional students, then NO new school will be built. Yes, this does strain the existing schools, but how many of these small "boutique" schools can the residents afford, each with their own additional set of fixed costs?

Second, Robert Wasserman made an extended speech early in the meeting about how this was the "dirtiest" campaign he had ever seen. This is interesting as he was one of the information providers to the www.d46info.com site. Instead of being informational, this site was mis-informantional at best and at its worst was a mean spirited propaganda site. Instead of informing the public, all the site provided was a venue for increasingly vitriolic pro-referendum diatribes. I truly hope that this type of tactic makes its way to the dustbin of campaign tactics. Obviously, it did not help any of the candidates and its presence was disservice to the Grayslake community.

As a last point, one of the pro-referendum candidates, John Puccio, was quoted as saying he couldn't believe that "the voters couldn't separate the referendum from the candidates." As he was a candidate who benefited

greatly from the media provided by the info web site I was surprised by his comment.

Also, if you compare the total vote counts, the four new board members won by well over the total votes against the referendum. This would indicate that the new board members had a broad cross section of the community voting for them and not just the single issue pro/anti referendum candidates. A cross section wishing for change and hoping these new board members in concert with the existing board can bring a positive change of direction that the students and community deserve.

It was sold to me, five years ago, as "com-

But as time has passed and the domestic

passionate conservatism". And I believed; per-

haps I wanted to. And when the tax breaks

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unfolded, I have become ashamed. Though

conservative, I do not want our poor to die six

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That which started as "compassionate conservative" now stands out clearly. It is greed. It is unfeeling. And, I am beginning to think, it is with malice towards those in need; a punishment for being poor, for being old, for being the least amongst us.

Tom FitzGerald Lake Forest

Nix park idea

As Mayor Frank Loffredo has stated in his mailings and flyers, he has done a lot for Lake Villa. He has added a lot of social get-togethers for the residents of the village. However, if he adds a park district which is where he seems to be headed by creating a park and recreation department, I feel my taxes will be so sky high that I may have to move. I have a young child, and while I enjoy the fireworks and parades he has added, I feel the village may not be in a position right now financially where they are gaining anything from these events. I would much rather see my real estate taxes leveling out and my water and sewer bill staying on a level with other villages in the area.

> Mrs. Greg Lindner Lake Villa

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VIEWPOINT

ting acquainted with an energetic pup acquired to keep his wife, Stephanie, company while he was away. His father, Larry, a Vietnam veteran, good naturedly chided his son about being a poor letter writer. Only two letters, the senior Fenzel. "But Sean made regular phone calls, which was better. All the time I was in Vietnam I could only make two calls home."

The Marines will be on active duty until June 1. May will be devoted to vacationing, winding down and debriefing. Then it will be back to work and home life before returning to their regular drill sessions. Most of the 150 men in the unit will remain active reservists.

One of the few unemployed returnees is Phil Collins, 38, of North Chicago, a Navy corpsman and one of the best known members of the Weapons Company because of his life-saving talents. The Navy medic and a fellow corpsman accompanied every patrol, ready in an stant to attend to injuries and wounds. Combat medical teams were only seconds away. Collins' background includes 10 years active Navy duty. His passion in life is politics and he was working as a campaign aide last fall until activated. He intends to seek employment in the office of an elected official. If this doesn't work out, Collins said he can utilize his health care experience with the Veterans Administration.

The Marines are regular guys, all right, but their experiences in battle and their commitment to serving their nation set them apart. Heroes all. Our nation is indebted to these volunteers.

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SWALCO has Earth Day events

A simple trip to safely dispose of harmful chemicals or a visit to a recycling facility, every effort—large or small—helps make Earth Day exciting in Lake County. The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, (SWALCO) is helping residents celebrate Earth Day with a number of events. More information is available on the SWALCO web site (www.swalco.org).

Household . Chemical Collection—Spring cleaning always brings out items that are not safe to throw away. SWALCO will have a Household Chemical Waste collection to help you safely dispose those household materials. The next collection is from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., on April 23, at the Fox Lake Streets Department, at 216 Washington Ave.

A variety of common household materials can be brought to a HCW collection day, including: oil-based paints, paint remover, used motor oil, antifreeze, old gasoline, metal* polishes, furniture stripper, hobby chemicals, solvents, pool chemicals, driveway sealer, lawn/garden chemicals, fungicides, insecti-

cides, household cleaners, household batteries, asbestos, fluorescent bulbs, old medication, aerosol products, mercury (including thermometers and thermostats).

E-Waste Collection—SWALCO is sponsoring a free one-day collection of unwanted household electronics on April 30 at the College of Lake County Grayslake Campus from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Items accepted include computers, monitors, laptops, printers, cell phones, stereo equipment, microwave ovens, fax machines, and radios. Items that will NOT be accepted include dehumidifiers, air conditioners, stoves, refrigerators or freezers).

These collections are for residents only (but residents do not need to live in the community where the collections take place in order to participate). SWALCO will hold several other HCW collections in other parts of the county this year. Residents can call the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County at 847-336-9340 or check the agency's Web site at www.swalco.org for further information.



SAIN monthly meeting

The Sexual Abuse Intervention Network (SAIN) of Lake County will have its next meeting on April 22, at the Gurnee Village Hall, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. SAIN's monthly meetings include networking and reports from the community education, training, conference, and professional relations committees. SAIN is a consortium of professionals of varying disciplines who are dedicated to the prevention, management and treatment of sexual abuse victims, offenders and their families in Lake County.

High school scholarships

Two Lake County high school students will each be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lake County in May. The scholarships are for students who have either received mentoring services through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lake County or have served as a mentor in the organization's high school mentoring program. The scholarship funds may be used for post-secondary education, including but not limited to junior college, four-year college or university, and trade school.

To apply, students should submit an application, high school transcript, two letters of reference, FAFSA and letter of acceptance from a post-secondary education program by April 25. More information and applications are available from Tonya Taylor at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lake County 847-360-0770 or tonyat@bbbslc.org. Contributions to the scholarship fund are welcomed.

MOMs to offer sale

Special Delivery MOMs (Mothers of Multiples) is sponsoring a Children's Clothing and Equipment Sale on April 30, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Kirk of the Lakes Church in Mundelein. The Church is located at 1500 W. Hawley Street, just west of Mundelein High School.

Over 40 families with multiple children will offer children's clothing, toys, and other children's equipment such as strollers, car seats, swings, cribs and bedding. Spring and

summer clothing, including jackets, bicycles, outdoor toys, and swimwear will be offered at the sale. Admission is \$1 and all transactions are cash only. All clothing is neatly organized by gender and displayed by size. For information, call membership chairwoman Lori Liber at 847-549-0529 or visit sdmoms.0catch.com.

Special needs trust seminar

Lake County Center for Independent Living in cooperation with law offices of Brian Rubin, is presenting a Special Needs Trust Seminar. Nathan Eads, CFP of Ehlert Financial Group, will present information on Special Needs Trusts, a way to leave money for a disable loved one without disrupting their government benefits. The seminar will be on May 4, from 1:30-3 p.m. at: College of Lake County Lakeshore Campus, 111 N. Genesee, Room N107, Waukegan. For more information or to RSVP contact Maretta Benjamin at 847-949-4440, Ext. 15.

Mini-medical school

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science invites the public to its campus for its first-ever Mini Medical School series, on May 3, 10, 17 and 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. each evening. The program is free, and the only prerequisite is a sense of curiosity about how the human body works and about being your own best advocate when it comes to your health.

Become a "student" in May and learn from faculty as they present updates on timely medical topics selected by the community, including diabetes, diet, exercise, preventive medicine, women's health, high blood pressure and heart disease. The Mini Medical School will be at the Rosalind Franklin University campus, located at 3333 Green Bay Road, North Chicago.

Advance registration is required, and participants are welcome to attend as many or as few sessions as they like. To register, or for more information, call 847-578-3341 or email elsa.kurien@rosalindfranklin.edu. Visit www.rosalindfranklin.edu for program details. at a constitue constitue and the





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Age 84, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2005 in Las Vegas, Nev. Son of George and Susan, (nee Michalek), Hreno was born on July 25, 1920 in Oneida, Penn. John moved to Lake Havasu City, Ariz. 21 years ago from Grayslake, and worked for O.M.C. in Waukegan, as an engineer for 35 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Our Lady of the Lake Roman

Catholic Church in Lake Havasu City,

Ariz. John was a proud veteran of the

U.S. Army during WWII. John is survived by his beloved wife Elizabeth Barbara Hreno; loving father of Robert Hreno (fiance Linda Broderick) of Gurnee, Pamela (Steve) Collins of Mt. Pleasant, Mich. and Marlene (John) Bjorkquist of Lake Villa; proud grandfather of five. He is preceded in death by his son Mark

Hreno. Memorial service was held April 19, at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church, Reception followed at the Knights of Columbus in Lake Havasu City, Ariz. Arrangements entrusted to Lietz-Fraze Funeral Home, www.lietzfrazefuneralhome.com. Donations are being accepted in lieu of flowers to Hospice of Lake Havasu.

Steven K. Werchek

Age 46 of Lake Villa, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, April 11, 2005 at St. Therese Medical Center in Waukegan. He was employed with Thelen Sand and Gravel Corp of Antioch for the past 18 years.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy; his children, Ronnie, Dan, Bill Steven, John, Takiah, Rosalind, Nicole, Britney and Brian; his granddaughter; his mother, Helen; his sisters; and his brother. He is preceded in death by his father, John.

Funeral Service was held April 14 at 8 p.m. at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa. Interment was private. Visitation was April 14 from 4 p.m. until the time of services.

Lorraine D. Kwiatkowski

Age 82 of Lake Villa, passed away on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at her home in Lake Villa. She was born in Chicago, the daughter of the late William and Rose Rumbler.

She is survived by her son, Daniel (Audrey) Kwiatkowski of Lake Villa; her grandchildren, Lori (Rob) Quane, Michael and Sheri and her

great-granddaughter, Emma Faith Quane. She is preceded in death by her parents; her son, Ronald, and her brother, Melvin Rumbler.

Funeral Service began at 9:30 a.m., April 16 from Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa to Prince of Peace Church for the 10 a.m. funeral mass. Interment was at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles. Visitation was on April 15 from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated to the St. Mark Lutheran Church-Prison Ministry Fund, 1822 E. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst, IL 60046.

Charles H. Lever Jr.

Age 90, died Feb. 26, 2005 in Mesa, Ariz. Charles was diagnosed with liver cancer and a progressive decline in his major systems. After a diagnostic week in Banner Baywood Hospital, he was released to Banner Hospice House where his final days were comfortable and dignified thanks to the heartfelt care of the Banner Hospice staff.

Charles was born in Chicago, on Dec. 12, 1914. His younger years were spent in Fox Lake. After the death of his father, his mother and aunt moved back to the Chicago area with 8-year-old Charles. A graduate of Crane Technical Institute, he began a business career with Bert Mills Corp./Mills Novelty advancing to plant supervisory status. Charles married Amber Lennartz and raised two children, Charles III and Mary Ellen at the family home in Fox Lake where he also ran his own woodworking business for 20 years.

In later years, Charles and his second wife, Marian became RV enthusiasts and joined the Red Cardinal Rollers RV Club and eventually became members of the Holiday Rambler Fulltimers Club. They enjoyed many years of traveling and fellowship with lifelong friends made through their traveling y ears. Finally, settling in Valle Del Oro RV Resort and giving up the life on the road, Charles and Marian have enjoyed their home in Arizona for the past eight years.

Charles is survived by his son, Charles III (Lavonha) and grandchildren, Charles IV, Blythe (James) Ladewig Faith and great granddaughter, Kaitlynn of Fox Lake; daughter, Mary Ellen (Dennis) Richardson of Danville, Kyle Richardson (Shannon) of Bartlett; stepdaughter, Betsy (Lenny) Bogacz

of Harvard; step-grandchildren, Sandra (Paul) Kibitlewski, Jessica Lechner, Beth (Kevin) Harvey, Jeffery (Karen) Bogacz; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Dominic M. Guido

Age 83 of Lindenhurst, passed away on Friday, April 15, 2005 at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center in Lindenhurst. He was born, the son of the late Carmen and Angeline Guido.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rose; his daughter, Angela (Jerry) Schmidt of Lawton, Okla.; son, Michael (Donna) Guido of Lamar, Colo.; his grandchildren; four great grandsons; a brother and three sisters. He is preceded in death by his son, Dominic Jr. and a grandson.

Funeral Services began at 9:30 a.m., April 20 from Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa, to Prince of Peace Church for a 10 a.m., Funeral Mass. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was at the funeral home on April 19 from 4-8 p.m.

Ruby R. Nylander

Age 89 of Lake Villa, passed away on Friday, April 15, 2005 at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center in Lindenhurst. She was born in Waterloo, Wis., the daughter of the late Alvin and Martha Killian, she was a case social worker for the state government agency.

Private family services were held on April 18. Interment was at St. John's Cemetery in Lowell, Wis. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa.

Betty Lou Rollinger

Age 82 of Gurnee, passed away at her home on Wednesday, April 13, 2005.

Private family funeral services began at 1 p.m., April 15 at Millburn Cemetery in Old Mill Creek.Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa handled the arrangements.

Darinka 'Dara' Visnjevac

Age 79 of Libertyville, passed away Friday, April 15, 2005 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. Dara was employed at the Libertyville Manor for 20 years, and enjoyed gardening and needlepoint.

Surviving are her son, Dan Visnjevac of Libertyville and many friends. She is preceded in death by

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her husband Sekula Visnjevac and her parents, Smiljana and Sava Niksic.

Funeral Services were held at noon, April 20 at The Most Holy Mother of God Serbian Orthodox Monastery in Third Lake. Interment followed at the monastery cemetery. Visitation was from 5-8 p.m., April 19 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Helen Raymond

Age 63 of Round Lake, died Friday, April 15, 2005 at University of Chicago Hospitals. On Dec. 7, 1958, she married Eugene Robert Raymond in Chicago. Helen worked for the Chad Markey Industries in Mundelein.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Eugene Robert Raymond Sr.; two children, Lynn Marie (Eldon Rhodes) of Lake Villa and Eugene Robert Jr. (Kathy) Raymond of Fox Lake; two brothers, John D. (Lorraine) McCauley of Jackson, Wis., and Michael P. McCauley of Lake Bluff; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Friends may meet the family from 1-2 p.m. Sunday, April 24 at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home, 222 N. Rosedale Ct., Round Lake. The Memorial Service will be at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Lisle Kauffman öfficiating. Inurnment will be private. Memorials to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Socity would be appreciated by the family. To express condolences, e-mail www.justenfh.com

Remo D. Piazzi

Age 72 of Mundelein, passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at the Evanston Hospital. He was a veteran of the U.S. Airforce and was a former very active Junior

Achievement sponsor. Surviving are his wife, Yvonne (nee Stroessler) Piazzi; three daughters, Susan (Ken) Kunin of Gurnee, Lynn (Martin) Ticar of Vernon Hills and Jill (Steve) Kuscsik of Gurnee; five grandchildren; and one sister. He is preceded in death by his parents, Luigi and Ernesta (nee Zanotti) Piazzi; by his brother and father and motherin-law, Hans and Olga Stroessler.

Funeral Service was held at 10

a.m., April 16 at the Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Libertyville. Entombment followed at Highland Memorial Park. Visitation was from 3-8 p.m., April 15 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to either the Children's Memorial Hospital Cardiology Dept. or the American Cancer Society in his memory.

Frances O. Kok-Alblas

Age 84 of Libertyville, passed away Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at the Winchester House in Libertyville.

Surviving are two children, Linda (Robert) Giesen of Virginia Beach, Va. and Ron (Kim) Kok-Alblas of Chicago; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Emil and Lydia Messenbrink; by her husband, Claude Kok-Alblas in 1990 and by her brother, Paul Mesenbrink.

Funeral Services were held at 10:30 a.m., April 15 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Libertyville. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation was for one hour prior to the service on April 15 at the church. Memorial contributions can be made to the Christian Outreach of Lutherans, 658 Grand Ave., Waukegan, IL-60085. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

NaKeisha N. Miller-Scott

Age 16 of North Chicago died on Monday, April 11, 2005 at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her mother, Aniesha, Scott; stepfather, Craig Duncan; father, Fredrick Miller; grandmothers, Dorothy McLaughlin and Viola Miller; four brothers; six sisters; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins and friends. Also two special friends, Zonnett Curtis and Brian Henderson. She is preceded in death by her grandfather and great grandfather.

Family and friends attended the funeral service on April 16 at 10 a.m. for a Wake and 11 a.m. for the funeral service. Services were held at the First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church in North Chicago. Interment was at Mount Olivet Memorial in Zion. Professional service was entrusted to Westgate Funerals, in Waukegan.

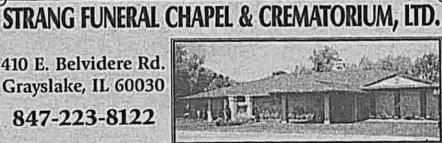
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OBITUARIES

Stanley F. Pyktel

Age 89 of Park City, passed away at home on Thursday, April 14, 2005. Stanley served as Alderman of North Chicago for 20

years. He served as a medic in the U.S. Army during WWII in the Pacific. Stanley is survived by his wife of 63 years, Julia (nee Pencak) Pyktel;

Joanne daughters, (Mike) Christensen of Tomahawk, Wis., Darlene (Larry) Boegen of Waukegan and Karen (Gary) Wamboldt of Kenosha, Wis.; grandchildren; greatgrandchildren; and a sister. He is preceded in death by his two brothers.

Friends and relatives called from 4-7 p.m. on April 17 at the Salata-Gurnee Funeral Home in Gurnee.

Services were held at the funeral April 19 at the Salata Funeral Home home at 10 a.m., April 18. Burial followed at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Donations may be made to the Catholic Chaplain's Fund in his memory.

John L. Dobrzenski

Age 43 of Waukegan, passed away on Thursday, April 14, 2005 at home. He was a graduate of Waukegan West High School, class of 1979.

John is survived by his wife, Jennifer, whom he married on April 26, 2000 in Hawaii; his mother, Marilyn; sister; one nephew; as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father, John; and his grandparents.

of Gurnee. Funeral Service was held at 11 a.m., April 20 at the funeral home with interment following at Warren Cemetery in Gurnee.

Phillip M. Petraitis

Age 55 of Wauconda, passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

He was the devoted husband of 30 years to Cynthia (nee Harper); father of Meagan and Brian; son of the late Bruno and Lottie and brother of Paul. Also surviving are many other relatives, friends and business associates.

Services began with prayers at Friends called from 4-8 p.m., 9:30 a.m., April 16 at the KisselburgWauconda Funeral Home in First Baptist Church for 31 years in Wauconda and proceeded to Transfiguration Church for a 10 a.m. Mass. Visitation was held from 3-9 p.m. April 15 at the funeral home. Burial was at Windridge Memorial Park in Cary. Memorials are appreciated to the Phil Petraitis Children's College Fund, c/o Mesirow Financial Inc., 350 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60610.

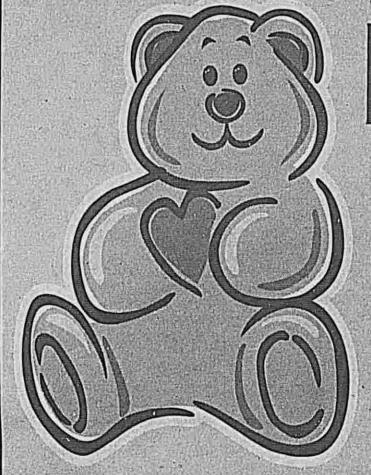
Julia Ann Castillo

Age 78 of Waukegan, passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2005.

She is survived by her son, Rev. Daniel (Gloria) Castillo of Wichita, Kan.; brothers and sisters; She is preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Miguel Castillo, Associate Minister at

Funeral Service was held at 10:30 a.m., April 16 at First Baptist Church in Waukegan, with Rev. Keith Cerk officiating. Interment was at North Shore Garden of Memories, in North Chicago. Visitation was at the First Baptist Church on April 15 from 5-8 p.m. and also on April 16 from 9-10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, Lake Co. Regional Office, 100 Tri State International, Suite Lincolnshire, IL 60069 or to the First **Baptist Church**

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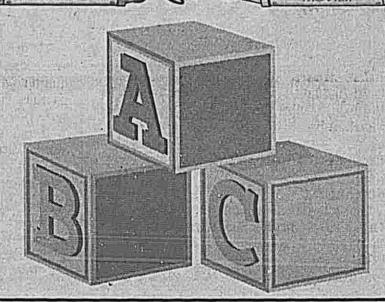


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Body Rythyms, 445 W. Liberty St., Wauconda. 847-526-6654. Owner: Jennifer J., Peggie A. Hodson. Purpose: Dance and Fitness Studio

Great Lakes Gifts n More, 224 Orbiter Dr., Round Lake. Owner: Michael E. Kratz. Purpose: Household, personal items and gifts, mailorder/internet sales

Allied Equity Funding, 794 S. Sienna Dr., Round Lake. 847-212-8687. Owner: Marites S. Lamarz. Purpose: Consultancy

CUSTOMIZENIT.COM, 38340 N. Hamilton Circle, Spring Grove. 847-587-8364. Owner: Carol Joan Main. Purpose: Internet sales of silicone bracelets, etc.

Timber Creek Carpentry Contractor, 26331 W. Blackhawk Ave., Ingleside. 847-508-9089. Owners: Raymond Thomas Franz Jr. Zachary Weinstein. Purpose: General Construction

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Vlar Security, 307 Fairlawn Dr., Round Lake Park, 847-740-3907. Owner: Juan Villar. Purpose: Guard and Patrol

Pulse Music, 968 Dublin Dr., Mundelein, 847-970-7989. Owner: Lisa, Ted Henricks. Purpose: Online Retail Music and Related Merchandise.

Badhabitfishing.com, 344 S. Fieldstone Ct., Round Lake. 847-456-8359. Owner: Keith MacNaught. Purpose: Internet Sales

On The House Construction, 2671 Wildflower Ct., Round Lake Beach, 847-613-0537. Owner: Brian Scholp. Purpose: Construction-New or old or existing.

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Platinum Club-George Bessette, Kim Schnoor, Pat Ciko and Larry Fales.

100 Percent Club-Dana Rigney, Cary Cybul, Cheryl Mecher, Michael Culat, John

Executive Club—Stanley Grey and Karen Jedele have been named to Executive Club membership for their 2004 achievements.

President's Club-Liz Heffernan, John Van Den Berge, Melissa Rigoni, Mike Nielsen and Cory Cybul.

The office was recognized for contributing more than \$5,000 to the Children's Miracle Network in 2004. The funds benefit Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Premier Realty-Lake Villa

Agents who won awards included: Platinum Club—Christopher N. Hoelz. 100 Percent Club-Sharon Kennedy and Patricia Kappeler.

Executive Club-Daniel Camasta. The Lake Villa office was recognized for contributing more than \$1,000 to the Children's Miracle Network in 2004.

Center-Grayslake

Platinum Club-Richard Capoccioni. 100 Percent Club—James Smith, Gloria Brda, Marjorie Harris, Robin Schoonhoven, Scott Paul, Gene Carey, Helen Carlsen, Donna Radke, Susan Daydif, Anna Klarck, Kathleen Zirkelbach, Nancy Rivelli, Cynthia Nash-Frye, Kim Czaplicki, Debbie Norton and Victor Ruiz.

Executive Club-Nancy Edmunds, Donna Ottens and Nikki Nielsen.

President's Club-Kathy Chambers, Chris Seebacker, Audrey Tuohy, Julianne Orbank and Kevin Macdonald.

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Showcase-Gumee

Platinum Club-Luis Zires, Michael Lescher, Jay Reid, Brenda Newman-Lawler, David Ayabarreno and Craig Stein.

100 Percent Club-Charlotte Brengel, Charlotte Cook, Karen Ginn, Philip Fabry, Chandra Sefton, Gwen Broughton, Hersain Rodriguez, Dave Petkovsek, Jim Starwalt, Maria Villarreal, Steven Krugler, Margene Dagle, Paul Baker, Tedd Bertrand, Kristina Seegren and David Greenup.

Executive Club-Lydia Torres, Dawn Ruiz, Michael Nukkala, Anne Stromayer and David Swierczynski.

President's Club-Hilda Fortin, Shannon Swierczynski and Francisco Ibarra.

The RE/MAX Showcase group, with offices in Gurnee, Lake Forest and Long Grove, received one of the six Outstanding Citizen Awards presented by RE/MAX Northern Illinois. This honor goes to offices that contributed more than \$10,000 to the Children's Miracle Network

The three RE/MAX Showcase offices also were honored for being among six offices in the region to achieve Miracle Office status. A Miracle Office is one in which every agent makes a contribution to CMN during the calendar year.

Grand-Ingleside

100 Percent Club-Joseph Laubinger, Carolyn Theesfield, Susan Gust and Thomas Fremgen.

Executive Club-Holly Blanchette and Frank Lund.

President's Club-William Penzel, Judy Freeman and Linda Mortensen.

Positive job outlook ahead: survey

Lake County employers expect to hire at a favorable pace during the second quarter of 2005, according to the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey.

From April to June, 20 percent of the companies interviewed plan to hire more employees, while 10 percent expect to reduce their payrolls, according to Manpower spokesperson Anne Edmunds. Another 53 percent expect to maintain their current staff levels and 17 percent are not certain of their hiring plans.

"Lake County employers have weaker hiring intentions than in the first quarter when 33 percent of the companies interviewed intended to add staff, and 13 percent planned to reduce headcount," Edmunds said. "Employers are also less positive about hiring than they were a year ago when 27 percent of companies surveyed thought employment increases were likely and 10 percent intended to cut back."

For the coming quarter, job prospects appear best in Non-Durable Goods Manufacturing and Wholesale/Retail Trade. Employers in Transportation/Public Utilities plan to reduce staffing levels, while those in Durable Goods Manufacturing and Services voice mixed hiring intentions. Hiring in Construction, Finance/Insurance/Real Estate, Education and Public Administration is expected to remain unchanged.

Of the 16,000 U.S. employers that were surveyed, 30 percent plan to add staff in the second quarter, while 7 percent expect to reduce their payrolls. Fifty-eight percent of the hiring managers polled anticipate no change in staff levels for the coming quarter, and 5 percent are unsure of their hiring plans, When seasonal variations are removed from the data, the Net Employment Outlook is the same as it was for the first three months of the year and is similar to last year at this time. In fact, this marks the fifth consecutive quarter in which employers have reported hiring expectations that rival those last seen in the beginning months of 2001.

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Lake County YMCA celebrates Mardi Gras, 2 months later

By Regan Foster

Staff Reporter

Pat Tuesday is more than two months past, but the Lake County Family YMCA is planning to extend the party well past Lent.

Mardi Gras will return here April 29, courtesy of the YMCA and with the help of American Hotel Register in Vernon Hills. The 16th annual Lake County Family YMCA Dinner/Auction, benefiting the organization's scholarship fund, will kick off that Saturday evening at the Vernon Hills hotel, 100 S. Milwaukee Ave.

"It's coming together wonderfully. It's going to be an exciting evening," Dave Hayward, president and CEO of the county YMCA, said.

This year's event will include a full dinner

of Cajun and Creole cuisine, silent and live auctions and live music provided by MOJO and the Bayou Gypsies, an Illinois-based Cajun band whose charity work has garnered them national recognition.

"It's a great group, they're very active around the country," Hayward said. "They do a lot of events for organizations such as the YMCA."

Charity is the goal for the evening. Or, at least, raising money for some charitable work. Every penny of the \$100 per-person evening will go to the YMCA's scholarship fund, Hayward said.

That fund provides financial assistance for people who would not have otherwise been able to afford programs the organization offers.

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"We have a financial assistance program in

place that (allows) an individual to come to us with either financial issues or personal" problems, Hayward explained. "These funds provide an opportunity for those individuals who can not afford our services" to get some assistance.

Last year's evening netted \$32,000, the YMCA president said. With the 16th annual event, the organization is gunning for \$40,000.

Between a slowly recovering economy and increased costs of living and health care, there's much more of a local need than one might think, Hayward said.

"You'd be amazed at the need in Lake County. Not only in communities such as Waukegan but even in communities of affluence," he said. "There are a lot of families out there who are in great need for major medical expenses, death in the family, loss of job, a variety of things.

Tickets for the evening are available at the County YMCA corporate and central offices and RSVPs are requested by April 22. Individual admission costs \$100 and corporate tables are available for \$1,000. Raffle tickets, which will give holders a shot at up to \$5,000 cash, are available for \$50 each.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact either the Lake County Family YMCA Corporate office, 2000 Western, Waukegan at 847-360-9622; or Central Office, 700 Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hills at 847-367-6797.

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Construction Career Expo op tap for 8th graders

For the third year in a row, 8th grade students will participate in a hands-on Construction Career Expo at the Lake County Fairgrounds from May 3-4. Two sessions a day will be from 9-11 a.m. and noon-2 p.m. Over 500 are expected to participate.

Students from Mundelein, Waukegan, Ingleside, Winthrop Harbor, Gurnee, North Chicago, Antioch and other Lake County schools will attend.

Sponsored by the Lake County Contractors Association, CISCO (Construction Industry Service Corporation) and the Lake County Education to Careers program, the Career Expo will give students a hands-on opportunity to experience bricklaying, carpentry, crane operation and more from construction workers who can provide first-hand knowledge of the career opportunities, salaries and benefits in the construction field.

Various trades will have booths with information on Apprentice Programs where students earn while they learn as well as interactive exhibits where students can put together a tool box, wire an electric light or

try their hand at other construction skills. Students will be given safety equipment to use and a packet of information provided by CISCO.

Micky Day, LCCA board member and owner of DK Construction, hopes to encourage not only boys, but girls to think about a career in the construction industry.

"As a woman and owner of a construction company, I can see the growing opportunities for women in this field," Ms. Day said. "Today's construction worker needs more than strength. Technology and GPS systems have taken the profession to a new level."

According to the CISCO website www.cisco.org, the average salary in the union construction industry is \$60,590 per year. Only 4 out of 100 college graduates will earn more than a skilled tradesperson. In addition, the future prospects for employment are very favorable for construction workers. Between 2000 and 2010, the construction industry is expected to grow by 13.7 percent.

For more information, visit www.lccail.org.

POPE

Father Ray Clennon, of St. Paul the Apostle in Gurnee, said the experience and intelligence of Benedict XVI would be a key element to a smooth transition in leadership.

"I think he'll be very evenly balanced and...Benedict is a name that may indicate he intends to be a healer," Clennon said.

St. Benedict who lived from 480 to 543 AD, has been regarded as the man who created monasticism in Europe, according to the Catholic Encyclopedia.

Father Aloysius Funtila, of St. Anastasia in Waukegan, said that he felt the cardinals in the conclave were guided by their faith in making the decision to elect Benedict XVI.

"This is their role as leaders of the church," Funtila said. "They are there prayerfully. I believe they prayed and, at the same time, they have repeated during the election that the spirit guides the cardinals in the election of the new pope."

St. Anastasia celebrated the election of Benedict XVI at mass April 20, Funtila said.

And while those of the Catholic faith are honoring the new pope, there is also hope that he will carry on some of the traditions of John Paul II.

Mary Ann Brinkman, youth ministry coordinator at St. Patrick's in Wadsworth, said she hoped Benedict XVI would continue the traditions of World Youth Day, an event that was

founded by John Paul II.-

Brinkman said every two to three years, John Paul II selected another city in a different part of the world, where young people had the opportunity to attend mass and take part in learning sessions led by the pope.

St. Patrick's youth group participated in World Youth Day in 2002, when it took place in Toronto.

"Pope John Paul II was very youth friendly so he'll always have a special place in our hearts," she said. "We hope the new pope will continue the traditions of World Youth Day."

It has already become apparent that Brinkman will get her wish, as Benedict XVI said in his first homily as pope that he looked forward to meeting the young people of his church at World Youth Day in Bonn, Germany next August.

As Catholics around the world welcome their new leader, Dietz said the transition period the church has experienced between the death of John Paul II and the election of Benedict XVI has been a time of reflection for his congregation.

"It's a moment of prayer for the passing (of John Paul II) and a prayer for what's coming," he said. "It's more of a prayerful time. People are sorrowful at the funeral and joyful at the election."

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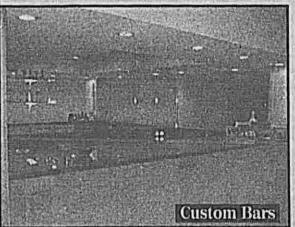
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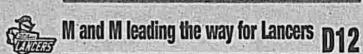


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Chain O'Lakes hosts pro fishing tournament

By Steve Peterson

Sports Reporter

ormally, fishing is meant to be a relaxing pastime. The mere act of sitting on a pier with a rod and reel brings the angler peace and tranquility, with actually catching a fish becoming an afterthought.

Who would have thought that it would not only become a sport, but a pretty competitive one at that?

The best in fishing enjoyed the challenge of taking on walleye and a new venue for the tournament, on the Chain O'Lakes beginning

Wednesday and running until April 22.

"I'm the local favorite, but there are so many things that could change. Plus, with my schedule, I have only been on the Chain O' Lakes three times," said local pro and host of In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail (PWT), Mike Gofron.

Everyone from 20-year veterans of the fishing tournaments to rookies accounted for the 120 participants, who were matched up with co-anglers, or amateurs.

The event wraps up with the closing ceremony and awarding of cash and prizes the afternoon of April 22 at Haling's Resort and Marina. Organizers were thrilled with the reception for the "Meet the Pros" at the Antioch Veterans of Foreign Wars hall. Berkley

and Optima Batteries, and the Fox Lake and Antioch villages and chambers of commerce, are coordinating the event.

Gofron had a good year last year, winning \$63,816 and a new boat at the Bull Shoals Lake event in Bull Shoals, Ark. last June.

Four essay contest winners also fished with the pros. Local resident Tyler Janusz was pleased his essay was chosen. "I have waited my whole life for an opportunity like this," said Janusz, a senior at Grant High School.

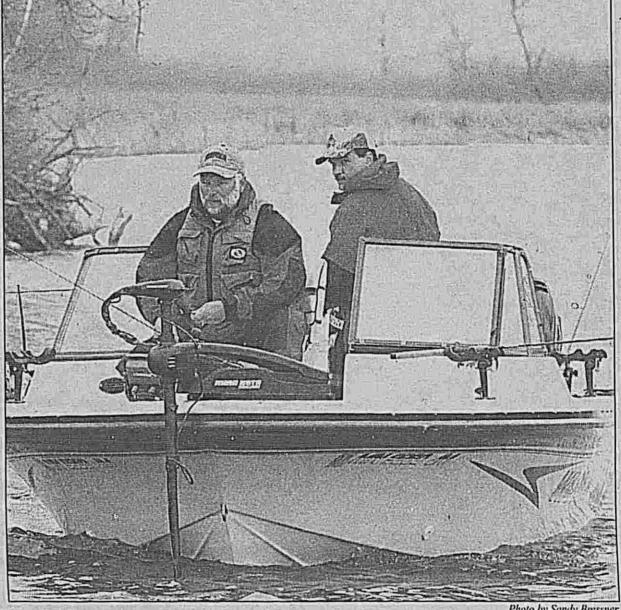
"I have a new boat and all new gear. I'm nervous, a little, I applied through the process and was accepted," said Jeff Ryan of Lakeview, Iowa.

On the other end of the roster is Steve Fallegy, of Minnesota. He has been in professional fishing for 20 years.

"It takes time to get to know the channels and the lakes, plus, you want to mix in some fishing," he said of the event on the Chain. He has won the top gun award, and finished second in the Angler of the Year honor. "It is a year-round job. You have to be constantly studying, with the Internet, and the GPS maps. Years back, you could win on fishing instinct. The last five years, with all the electronics, that has leveled the playing field. In the old days, 20 guys had a chance to win out of 100, now 75 do."

Rick McLaughlin said he has met many great people in his five years on the PWT. "I love it. It's great fishing," he said.

Dan Plautz had a banner year in 2003, winning a tournament at Houghton, Mich. "It was incredible. My goal is still to win Angler of the Year. I have won a championship, and finished, second, third, fifth and sixth for Angler of the Year. It is not just the fishing, but you have to be a good marketer, give seminars in the off-season and do public relations," Plautz said. Of the Chain, he added, "There is definitely some fish being caught."



Professional fisherman Robb Christensen of Loretto, Minn. spends the first day of the Professional Walleye Trail Tournament fishing with amateur Mike Sikorski of Antioch on the Chain O' Lakes. The nationally-watched tournament runs through Friday.

They have a chance to fish with the most knowledgeable pros and learn how to fish walleyes; what tactics to use, where to fish, how to find them and how to control a boat for maximum success.'

> Jim Kalkofen Executive Director for the PWT

Tom Skarlis, of Minnesota, won out over Gofron for Angler of the Year honors. Skarlis, known as Mr. April for his early-season wins, liked the setup of meeting the youngsters.

"The chance to meet the kids is awesome. Usually, you are so focused on the tour that you can't get to meet the kids," he said. "I was

Dynyl Pytryck's 'Free Sports'

battling Mike down to the last day of the last tournament. There was pressure. I come out very intense in April and the waters that we have scheduled seemed to fit my niche.

Mike Martin of Twin Lake, Minn. agreed with others that fishing is only one slice of the pie of talents professionals must have. He said that he enjoys answering questions from the public.

"It is like anything else in business, if you work hard, then success will take care of itself," Martin said. Martin is one of only a few from the pre-PWT days. He is an ambassador for the sport, appearing as a guest host on many Outdoor Channel TV shows.

Today, the PWT is a pro-am event, and why it appeals to many local anglers. The 120 amateur spots were taken up months ago.

"They have a chance to fish with the most knowledgeable pros and learn how to fish walleyes; what tactics to use, where to fish, how to find them and how to control a boat for maximum success," said Jim Kalkofen, executive director for the PWT.

Dan Patrick • Sports Reporter

ithin music, there is nothing more that will get underneath the skin of purists than compilation albums - from greatest hits CDs simply meant to cash in on the former popularity of an artist to soundtracks filled with random songs that set the mood in a cinematic masterpiece. However, I would argue that there is a soundtrack to everything.

I'd be willing to bet there isn't a single person that hasn't followed in John Travolta's lead and boogled down the street with the Bee Gee's "Stayin' Alive" playing in their inner monologue like a surround-sound stereo. How about Darth Vader's theme blasting in the average person's head whenever the tyrannical boss enters the room. Therefore, it is only natural for other things to be set to music.

As a sports reporter, my sound-track is inundated with scores and

stats from all the local high school heroes and I've decided to pass on one of the greatest hits from my head. So everyone, get out your lighters, raise them above your heads and sing Lake County sports set to the prototypical power ballad – Lynyrd Skynyd's "Free Bird."

First Verse

If you look at the sports scene/ Would you cheer for certain tearns?/ For Carmel could win state in soccer/ 'Cause Kendall Brown's got moves you've got to see/ But, if you switch gears to baseball/ Carmel just won't lose many games/ 'Cause I'm

as wise as an owl now,/ And these picks you can not change./ whoa whoa whoa whoa/ And these picks you can not change./ And these picks you can not change./ Lord knows, they won't change.

Second Verse

Bye, bye, to the Lake County softball, yeah, yeah/ Vernon Hills just can't be beat/ But there are teams not doing badly/ 'Cause Lord knows they've got game/ But, if I talked about track, girl/ Zion-Benton controls the game/ Libertyville is always good too/ And these picks you can not change./ whoa whoa whoa whoa/ And

these picks you can not change./ And these picks you can not change./ Lord knows, they won't change./ Lord help me, they won't chaye-ea-ea-ea-ea-ea-ea/ Lord, I can't change./ Won't you fly...high...Lake...Sports...yeah.

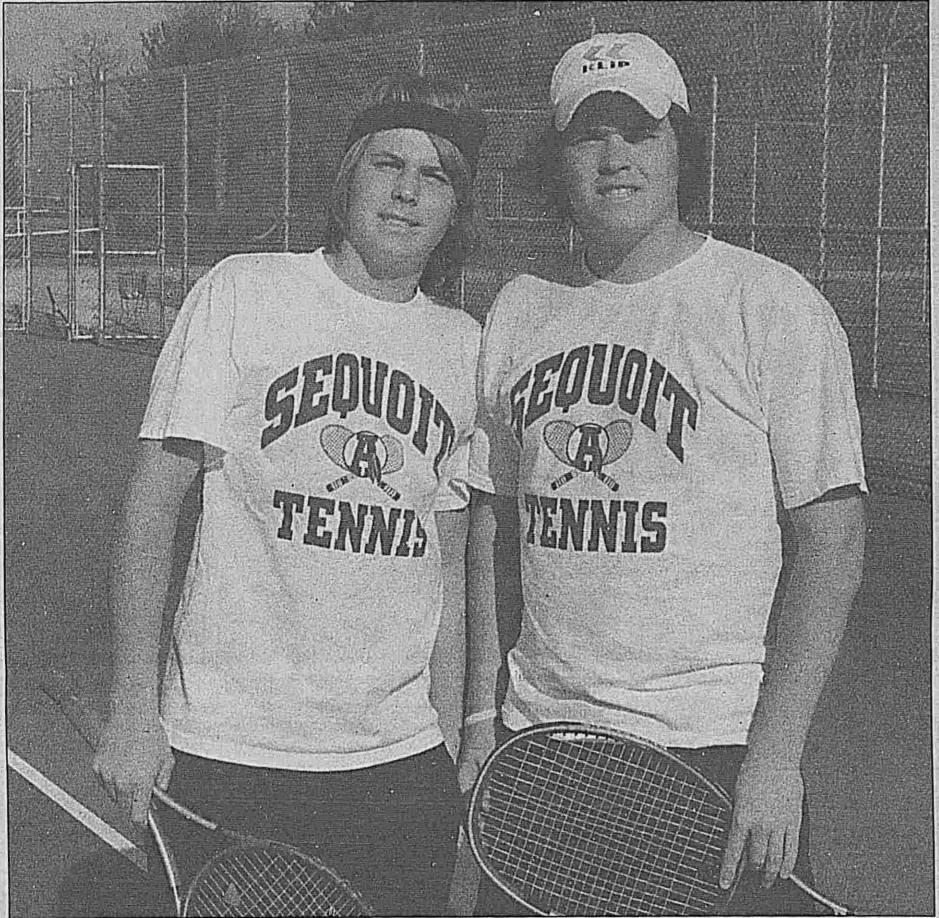
(Iconic five minute Guitar Solo)

So there you have it, straight from the brain of Daniel J. Patrick. It's scary how infectious music can be and for that matter, Lake County sports can also just get in your head, After all, sports have always been my Stairway to Heaven.

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Sequoits finding their rhythm



Antioch Community High School tennis players Charlie and Robbie Scupham have been leading the Sequoits' charge over the last week.

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

fter his team stumbled out of the gate, amassing just a 2-5 record in its first seven dual meets, Antioch tennis coach Bryan Plinske decided some changes were in order.

Although his singles line-up was set, he felt that the doubles tandems were failing to develop consistency so he tinkered with the match-ups in the hope that his team would develop some rhythm.

"Rhythm is so important to a team," Plinske said. "Once you start to get into a groove, instead of over-thinking everything, you can just go out there and do it."

With his team's play over the last week, it's clear that his changes were for the better as Antioch won three straight dual meets and swept its own quad on Saturday, before falling

to McHenry on Monday. "The guys know what they have to do and they're starting to develop a flow," Plinske said. "The boys have been playing non-stop the last week and we're really coming into our

rhythm." Helping lead the way to the Sequoits' resurgence over the past week is a pair of brothers, junior Robbie Scupham and freshman Charlie Scupham.

"They're a big part of what we're trying to do right now," Plinske said. "They both want to be better and they're giving all they have to achieve that, And they've both been helping

'Rhythm is so important to a team. Once you start to get into a groove, instead of over-thinking everything, you can just go out there and do it.'

> Bryan Plinske Antioch tennis coach

out with the other guys. I can't ask for anything more from either of them."

Perhaps no one has developed more consistency over the past season than the elder Scupham, who started last season at No. 2 doubles, but has now become the Sequoits' No. 1 option at singles.

"The biggest difference for him between last year and this year is that he's learned how to put shots together and close out matches," Plinske said. "I'm hoping he continues to do well and improve; it seems like every time he steps on the court he learns a little more."

It should be easy for Scupham to learn something new every time out, given his focus and determination each time he prepares for a match. Like scores of athletes, Robbie uses music as an escape, as he will never be found without headphones prior to a match.

"I try not to pay attention to anyone else and just try and psyche myself up for the match," Scupham said. "Music helps calm my nerves."

While Robbie normally listens to softer music prior to matches, his game is anything but soft on the court.

· "He's added a lot of power this year — you can see it in his ground strokes and his serve." Plinske said. "He's a good serve and volley player. He does a great job of moving in; he gets you out of position, then he puts the shot

"I try to vary my approach every match, but if I get my serves in I usually win," Scupham said.

Although the upcoming Warren Sectional is loaded with some big names in the singles draw, Plinske has hope that Robbie can place in the top-3 and advance to state.

"I think it will be tough for him to break through the sectional, but he has a chance if his opponent overlooks him, which has been known to happen," Plinske said. "He has a lot of faith in himself."

"I definitely plan on making it to state," Scupham said. "I know it will be hard, but hopefully all the hard work I put in will pull me through."

Also no stranger to hard work is Charlie Scupham, who used heated summer sessions with his brother to make the varsity roster as a freshman.

"Working with my brother helped me a lot because it prepares me for people who hit harder than me," Charlie said. "It's pretty cool making varsity, but there is a little pressure to perform. But I think it will help me in the long run."

Like his older brother, Charlie is starting

Round

Softball

Antioch improved to 6-4 overall and 2-2 in the North Suburban Lake division with a 4-1 win over Warren on Monday.

The offense continued to work to find itself, waiting until the fourth inning to break through at the plate, but the defense held firm, with senior hurler Lanaya Gutowski leading the charge by relegating the Blue Devil offense to just one base-runner through the first three

innings: "Defensively, we were sharper today, "Defensively, we were sharper today, even when Warren put the screws to us in the fourth and fifth innings," Antioch coach Julie Sexton said. "We did a better job of finishing through each play, and playing the ball instead of letting it play us."

Senior Selina Spiller made big contributions for the offense, according to Sexton. "The pressure she put on the defense in her first two at-bats set the stage for her to find the bases in the final two innings, scoring the game-winning run in the sixth and helping teammate Sarah Stangel across the plate for an insurance run in the seventh," Sexton said

Sophomore Ashton Pfeifer put down a huge sacrifice bunt that led to Spiller's run and Jill Norwick pounded out two hits and scored the game's first run. Game-ball honors, however, went to senior first baseman Loren Scarbrough, whose 2-for-3 performance on the day boasted a pair of singles and two RBI, including the game-winning stroke.

Baseball

Although visiting Antioch banged out 14 hits, the Sequoits fell to Palatine 6-5 on Saturday. Antioch held a 4-2 lead until the fourth inning, when the Pirates plated four

runs to take control of the game.

Junior hurler Chandler Kent struck out four and also went 2-for-4 with two RBI at he plate. Chad Ori also went 2-for-4 with a pair of RBI for the Sequoits (8-7).

Boys' tennis

Antioch dominated in its own quad on Saturday, finishing with 13 points, with 'Vernon Hills finishing second with eight.

No. 1 singles player Robbie Scupham took second, defeating St. Edward's (5-7, 6-2, 6-4) and Vernon Hills (7-5, 6-3) before falling to North Shore County Day before falling to North Shore Country Day (6-0, 7-5).

Andrew Nichols took first at No. 2 singles, defeating North Shore (6-0, 6-0), St. Edward's (6-1, 6-2) and Vernon Hills (6-4, 6-1). The No. 1 doubles tandem of Ryan Leng and Charlie Scupham defeated St. Edward's (7-5, 6-1) and Vernon Hills (6-0, 6-4) before falling to North Shore (6-3, 6-2).

Billy Budd and Chase Behrendt took first at No. 2 doubles, defeating North Shore (6-0, 6-0), St. Edward's (6-1, 6-1) and Vernon Hills (6-2, 6-4). The No. 3 doubles duo of Andrew Arendas and Peter Scheidt also took first, topping North Shore (6-0, 6-1), St. Edward's (6-0, 6-1) and Vernon Hills (6-0, 6-2).

varsity play at doubles, currently teaming with Ryan Leng.

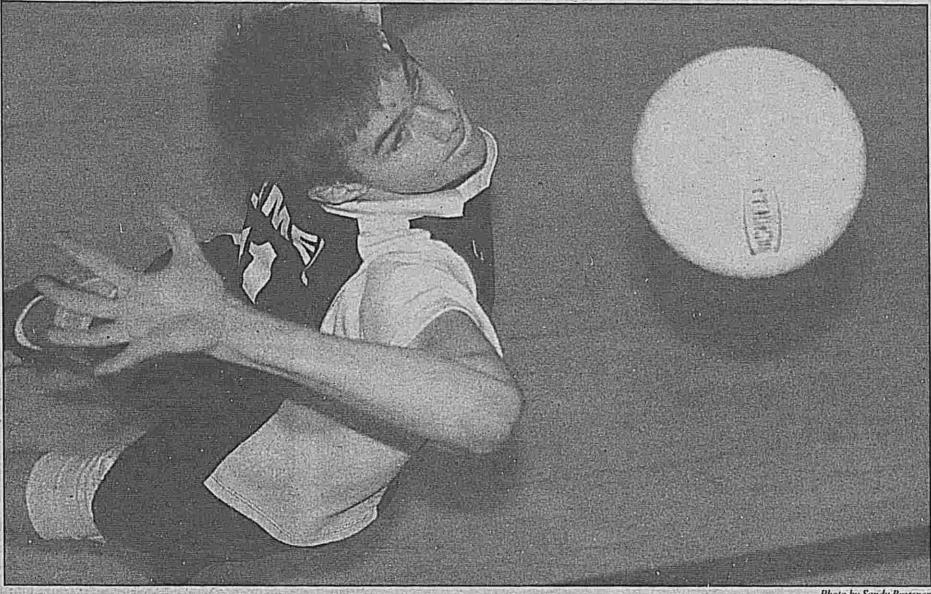
"He's varsity material," Plinske said. "He doesn't have quite the cannon of his brother, but his shots still have some power and he has a good, consistent serve. He thrives on the baseline, but he's not afraid to come to the net."

As far as expectations go, Plinske just wants the freshman to get some experience under his belt. However, he may regret that decision next year, as Charlie will head over to Lakes High, while Robbie will stay at Antioch. That may create an interesting match-up, according to Charlie.

"It would be pretty cool to beat him; it doesn't happen often," Charlie said.

Robbie responded: "It will be kind of weird, but of course I'll take him out."





Carmel High School's Mike Vadnais goes up for a jump serve during a 24-26, 25-14, 27-25 home game loss for the Corsairs against Warren Township High School.

Corsairs riding high despite loss

By Dan Patrick

Sports Reporter

oming off of a big overall win in the Lake County Invitation Volleyball Tournament, the Carmel Corsairs boys' volleyball team was riding high after five consecutive wins. However, after the tough 2-1 loss against the Warren Blue Devils Monday night, it seemed as if Carmel had lost its touch.

However, with a 10-3 overall record Carmel coach Sarah Yeager and her team have other ideas as the Corsairs enter conference

"Right now, they're doing a great job," Yeager said. "They just won a big invite, but they lost against Warren and it's tough especially if you come off of the great win but I think our guys can bounce back from that. We're just looking at conference and hopefully coming out on top."

The loss was tough on the team as the Corsairs have become accustomed to winning over the course of the 2005 season. However, Yeager was still pleased with her team's play in the tough loss.

"I'm proud of them, we did lose, but if anything, I thought they played great," Yeager said. "You can't walk out of here with your heads hung low. I'm really proud of what they've accomplished and to give 100-percent."

When one speaks to Coach Yeager about her boys team, Dan Krzmarzick, Nick Rill, Tom Hammer and Kyle Kruger are always the first names out of her mouth. These four players have given the Corsairs a formidable nucleus that has been instrumental in their early-season success.

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> Sarah Yeager Carmel boys' volleyball coach

"Dan Krzmarzick has done a great job, he leads the team in kills; Nick Rill, our other senior also did a terrific job and his blocking has improved immensely," Yeager said. "Tom Hammer does a nice job as middle blocker and is one of our most consistent servers and our setter Kyle Kruger has been a terrific leader both on and off the court."

Carmel veterans aren't the only Corsairs producing as some of Yeager's young guns are also working to join the veteran ranks themselves.

"Mike Vadnais is a sophomore for us and he's doing a nice job. He gets a little flustered because these are the biggest matches he's played in," Yeager said. "I've got a defensive specialist named Garrett Long, this year he's emerged and he changed a couple of things in his game. Robert Brodarick is his first year playing volleyball, he's really going to be a good player, he just needs to keep working on the fundamentals of his game."

With more than ten games left on the regular season schedule alone, the Corsairs team has had barely enough time to truly get rolling. However, at this point in the season, Yeager is pleased with the improvement that has been made.

"I think the one major thing that has

changed is the kids are starting to communicate," Yeager said. "When we were down, they would just shut down and now they're starting to figure out that when we're behind they have to communicate even better. As a result, our defense has also improved because of that and we are a better team now."

Communication and defense have certainly improved, but with the experience of actually running the offense, Yeager is able shake things up within the attacking portion of play. As her team has become more comfortable playing offense, she is able to execute more complicated plays.

"Offensively, we're starting to run more things and now we're starting to throw more stuff together," Yeager said. "We've been working on some plays and hopefully, that will help us down the stretch as we go up against some of the better teams."

Offense or defense, it doesn't matter what the coach's game plan is if the athletes don't listen to their coach. Luckily for Yeager, that couldn't be farther from the truth.

"They've been very receptive to my coaching and I couldn't ask for a better group of kids to coach," Yeager said. "They really put it into action, we really focused on defense early in the season and we've shored up that problem, so you can see that the kids have listened to me this year."

While the team has been receptive of Yeager's direction, they have nothing but their own expectations to live up to. However, their own expectations are actually quite high.

"They're doing everything that I've asked them to do, as far as expectations, they have high expectations, especially my seniors because it's their last chance," Yeager said. "They're all just doing a great job. I'm really

Round

Boys' tennis
The Corsair boys tennis team was victorious in the Saxon Invitational last Saturday, beating out seven other teams for the top honors. Dundee-Crown High School provided the toughest competition for Corpus as the Charge Gaiched with for Carmel as the Chargers finished with 18 points to the Corsairs' 19. Carmel's Nick Andres provided the biggest punch in singles competition, advancing to the finals before Dundee-Crown's Mike Williamson beat him to take the top spot. Anders was also victorious in last Thursday's match against St. Viator as he beat Andy Rice in 6-0 and 7-5 in straight

The Corsairs' doubles team of Joey Holguin and Brian Salvi followed in Andres' footsteps, also advancing to the finals before falling to a McHenry High School duo. While Holguin and Salvi were unable to take home a victory in the St. Viator match the no. 2 duo of Brian Techany and Matt Wind was able to win Tschanz and Matt Wind was able to win against Kyle Kenyoun and Rich Crandall 4-6, 7-5 and 6-1.

Softball '

The Corsairs were victorious in a non-conference game against the Wauconda Bulldogs last Friday in a 10-0 blowout. Sophomore pitcher Chloe Lillig threw four perfect innings as she did not let a single Bulldog on base throughout the stretch. Junior Peggy Zizzo was the offensive leader in the contest, finishing at 3-4 with a home run and three RBI's and two runs

Baseball

The Corsairs baseball team was able to sweep Joliet Catholic in a double-header last Saturday. Carmel took the first game 7-2 and the second contest with a score of 7-5. While the first game was a blowout, the second game was a close call for the Corsairs as Jordan Sivertson provided some clutch offense and pitching i the final inning of the contest. At the to of the seventh, Sivertson hit a two-run sin-

gle to stretch Carmel's lead to three runs. In the bottom of the inning, Sivertson was brought in as a relief pitcher after the Hilltoppers scored a run. The freshman was able to close out the game by getting the final two outs of the contest for the East Suburban Catholic Conference sweep, improving the Corsairs to 15-2 on the season. Sean McCreary was the offen-sive leader for Carmel, belting in a tworun homer as well as a double in the contest.

happy with some of my sophomores and the way they've been able to contribute for us."

As Carmel enters into conference competition, there are a few teams that have been big challenges for the Corsairs for a long time. Yeager said the conference is known for its quirks in the boys volleyball ranks, as many teams have risen to contention after relatively poor showings the year before.

"Joliet Catholic has been winning some tough matches and Marist is always a good team," Yeager said. "But there's always teams in our conference can emerge at any point. We haven't been able to really look at any teams, but from past experience, we have to really work to be among the best in the conference."

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Grant Community High School catcher Katie Larson successfully tags out a Libertyville runner at home plate during a 1-0 loss for the Bulldegs in Libertyville.

Bulldogs moving in right direction

By Dan Patrick Sports Reporter

s Grant is now entrenched in the middle of a 40-game schedule, practice time has become a premium commodity for coach Erin Notriano and her staff. While the time crunch has certainly been hard for the team, the Bulldogs have been forced to adapt or perish and at 8-9 thus far, it's about time the team began to adapt.

"The girls have to go in and they have to adjust," Notriano said. "We don't have practices anymore, it's just game after game after game. So, this is the time that they need to make the decision to get over the fact of the hitting slump, it's a new at-bat every time and hopefully they'll just improve in every game."

Coaching in game-time situations might seem like a lot to juggle for a varsity coach. However, Notriano is willing to go the extra mile for her team-even if it means taking time both out of her own and the players' schedules.

"On the bus there's a lot of talking about what we can do, what we can work on, a lot of team goals," Notriano said. "Home games especially, if it means sticking around, working with a kid one-on-one or having the team stay after, holding a practice after a two-hour game, that's what we have to do."

In order for Notriano's on-the-fly teachings to stick, the team must be receptive to what she says. According to Notriano, her team has been very coachable and has changed their games considerably since the beginning of the 2005 season.

"They listen well, they want new ideas, they want opinions on what they need to do to improve," Notriano said. "I think it's very positive and I think in their hearts they believe just the same as me and my assistant coaches: we know we're a winning team. It's just a matter of getting out, pulling together and doing it on the field. No errors, few walks and hitting."

Coaching actually has its pitfalls, as the team has actually seemed to focus too much on Notriano's teachings. Grant's strength has been powerful hitting, thanks largely to sluggers Carrie Anne Hill and Lauren Liles, however, it seems even they have lost their offensive touch thanks to Notriano's emphasis on defense.

"Usually it's offense, we are a hitting team," Notriano said. "The overall team average was over .300 coming into the (Libertyville) game. It was pretty good and we've been building on less errors every game and less walks every game. We were averaging four errors a game and five walks a game. We were focusing on getting better defensively, but it's like now we're pulling away from offense."

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> Erin Notriano Grant girls' softball coach

Notriano was extremely disappointed in her team's offensive production in the 1-0 loss against the Libertyville Wildcats. While one game certainly does not set the precedent for a season, Notriano used the game as proof of the team's loss of offensive production as the defense improves.

"The difference in the game was completely offense," Notriano said. "We did not execute on bunt signs, three bunts did not go down, we weren't hitting out of the infield. We are a strong offensive team and I just don't know why we could not hit this pitcher (Libertyville hurler Andrea Behringer). I'm just

As for Hill and Liles, the duo have emerged as one of the more formidable offensive onetwo punches in Lake County softball. While neither player was able to produce during the Wildcats contest, Notriano believes her duo can still carry the team on their bats.

"Carrie Anne Hill and Lauren Liles at the plate have been hot all year," Notriano said. "They each have a few home runs, a couple over-the-fence, I think those two are probably our top offensive players."

The mental game also plays a large role in high school sports and the Grant Bulldogs are certainly no exception. If the team can simply get its collective head on straight, Notriano believes the sky is the limit for her team.

"At the start of the season, this was the team in my heart, and I still believe, that this is the type of team that can take the division," Notriano said. "But in the loss to Vernon Hills, we're better than that and I think it hurt our morale."

Round

Girls' soccer

The Bulldogs soccer team split a pair of games between the Crystal Lake Central Tigers and the Vernon Hills Cougars last Thursday and Friday. Thursday's game against the Cougars saw the Grant team on the wrong and of a 2.2 the Grant team on the wrong end of a 3-2 heartbreaker. Bulldogs Amanda Kurtz and Nikki Staton led their team as Kurtz finished the game with a goal and Staton finished with a goal and an assist.

Goalkeeper Renee Grisheau recorded 10 saves in the contest, but was unable to stop Vernon Hills' Jessica Price who score all three of the Cougar goals.

Within the Crystal Lake contest, Grant reversed the score for a 3-2 victory as Staton again led the offensive charge with

Staton again led the offensive charge with two goals while Jessie Stimpson added a goal to the Bulldog cause. Pam Staton and Shannon Korecky also finished with two and one assist, respectively.

Boys' track
The Grant track team was able to come away with victories against both the Mundelein Mustangs and the Wauconda Bulldogs in a dual meet Monday. The Grant team was able to take victories in the Mundelein meet in the 400-meter, 800-meter and 1,600 meter relay races. Within meter and 1,600 meter relay races. Within individual running competition, Grant continued its dominance, taking home the blue ribbons in the 3,200-meter race, 110-meter hurdles, 100-meter and 200-meter sprints. Field competition followed suit as the Bulldogs won in the pole vault, high jump and shot.

Boys' tennis

The Bulldogs tennis team was handed a tough loss against Lake Forest Tuesday as the Lake Forest squad beat Grant 5-0. Brandon Young came closest to victory in the no. 3 singles competition, but the apposition's Alex Kim came away with the opposition's Alex Kim came away with the 6-3, 6-2 victory.

Monday night proved to be much nicer to the Grant tennis team as the Bulldogs crushed Union Grove 7-0. Freshman Alex Marginean beat Union Grove's Nick Sunderland 7-5 and 6-1 to take the victory in the No. 1 competition while seniors Ed Solis and Bryan Mark beat out David Osenga and Christian Tuinstra 6-0 and 6-0 in no. 1 doubles action.

Overall, Notriano is pleased with her team's progress over the course of the season. If the mental part of the game does indeed fall into place, the Grant Bulldogs do indeed have a legitimate chance at competing in both their conference and into the state tournament.

"It's a very positive direction, we still have a lot of games left and I don't mean to hang my head right now," Notriano said. "We can get over losses and any wins will be a nice feeling for these girls and it will build them up



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Rams look to jump-start offense

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

he classic blues song "Born Under a Bad Sign" contains the lyric "If it wasn't for bad luck, I wouldn't have no luck at all." Grayslake's baseball team can certainly sympa-

thize

However often baseball is touted as a game of skill, almost as often it proves to be just another game of luck. The Rams are finding this out the hard way.

Even though the Rams currently sport just a 5-9 record, thanks largely to a low-scoring offense, that's not the whole story, according to head coach Troy Whalen.

"We've been having some good swings," Whalen said. "They're just not dropping."

While it's frustrating to Whalen and the rest of the coaching staff, it's even more so for the players, who feel they should be getting at least a few hits from the rockets they've been

hitting.
"We're just not getting any breaks right now," junior left fielder Brett Miller said. "I just had two shots today and they were right at someone. Other teams are getting those duck snorts to fall in and we're not, but we'll break through." For the players, it's a matter of when

> the Rams will break through, not if. Despite the poor record, everyone is convinced the team will turn

> > things

around. "To the

kids' credit, their spir-

its aren't broken," Whalen said.

"They're still working hard and they'll continue to work hard.

One way or another this thing will get turned around."

With the top-3 returning hitters from last year all bat-

ting below .300, Miller, who

was originally penciled in at

the bottom of the lineup,

has carried the Rams in the

early going, leading the

team with a .350 average

ting the ball well."

Whalen said. "He has fast

hands through the zone

and he's shown better

discipline. He isn't

"Brett's been hit-

and 14 RBI.

striking out as much and he's taking the ball the opposite way."

According to Miller, his improvement stems from several different factors.

"I didn't like hitting at the bottom of the order, so I just tried to work hard to move up and now I'm hitting fifth," Miller said. "Plus I

'To the kids' credit, their spirits aren't broken. They're still working hard and they'll continue to work hard. One way or another this thing will get turned around.'

> **Troy Whalen** Grayslake head baseball coach

tried to fix the hole in my swing. Last year I had a looping swing, now it's more level and my bat is getting through the zone quicker."

However, Whalen and Miller both feel that he still has some areas in which to improve if he wants to become a complete player.

"He needs to improve his defense and base running, but he's working hard at it," Whalen said. "He has a bright future in base-

> "I have mental lapses and I goof up here and there," Miller said. "But it's all fixable. I just need to concentrate more out there."

Adding to Grayslake's bad luck is an injury to No. 1 pitcher Doug Hanson. But the Rams finally received a little good fortune with the recent emergence of senior southpaw Matt Konczal. "The

word I'd use to describe Matt is 'survivor,'" Whalen said. "He's like the 'Rudy' of our team. He saw nothing but JV last year, and now he's come out of nowhere to lead us in innings pitched."

In fact, Whalen mentioned a moment last weekend, where Konczal asked if he would have to throw a few innings in Grayslake's JV game. Whalen responded: "You're not a JV pitcher anymore."

It was at that moment when the varsity experience finally sunk in for Konczal.

"I felt proud when he said that," Konczal said. "He and Andy Strahan and Bob Roth have helped me so much,"

Featuring a low-'80's fastball, Konczal also

Photo by John Dickson

Round Up

Boys' tennis
Grayslake picked up a much-needed
Fox Valley Conference win, defeating
Cary-Grove 4-3 on Monday. Neil Lesinski
defeated Luke Holmgren 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1
singles, with Neil Naolhu also prevailing at
No. 2 singles, 6-3, 6-1. Tyler Depke and
Carl Hauck prevailed at No. 1 doubles (64, 6-3) while Jon Klemens and Nick
Bohner added a 4-6, 6-2, 6-0 win at No. 3 Bohner added a 4-6, 6-2, 6-0 win at No. 3

The Rams fell to Prairie Ridge 6-1 last Thursday as Depke and Hauck were the lone Grayslake winners at No. 1 doubles.

Boys' track and field.

The Rams easily prevailed in a Monday triangular, amassing 100.5 team points, while second place Woodstock had just 44.5. Huntley brought up the rear with 31

Scott Beckord took first in the two-mile run and second in the mile, with teammate Andy Gerken winning the mile. Mark Kupfer took first in the long and triple jumps, the 110-meter high hurdles and the 300-meter intermediate hurdles. Elias Washington prevailed in the 100-and 200-meter dashes and took second in the high jump. Cecil Cross took first in the 400 and second in the 100- and 200-meter dashes meter dashes.

Girls' track and field

Sophomore Kelly Washington led the way as Grayslake finished fourth in its own eight-team invite last Thursday. She finished second in the 400 and set personal and school records in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. Jill Carlson (2nd) and Kari Bethke (3rd) fared well in the pole vault, Chelsea Thomas had a solid meet in the long (5th) and triple jump (3rd) and Nicole Sarver took third in the discus.

Despite some solid individual perform-ances, the Rams finished third in a trian-

gular to Woodstock and Huntley on Monday. The 4x800-meter relay team of

Sarah Johnson and Leyna Squillari took first and Johnson came back to finish second in the 3,200meter run later in the meet. Bethke took first in the pole vault and Washington won the 100-meter

throws a two-seamer, a curveball and he added a knuckleball last week.

"He's always had a good arm, his trouble was always finding the strike zone," Whalen said. "Somehow he's figured it out."

Even though he's finally made the big time, Konczal remains humble, constantly volunteering for tasks that most players try to avoid.

"He's been a model for some of the younger kids," Whalen said. "When an opportunity comes knocking, you have to be ready for it and seize the moment and he has."

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Cats' team continues to mature



Libertyville High School's Natalie Ghase throws to tirst base as a Grant runner eages oil of second base during a 1-0 nome game win for the Wildcats.

By Dan Patrick

Sports Reporter

s first year coach Patti Mascia has settled into the Libertyville position, she has encountered some very understandable growing pains along the way. However, with the youth of the Wildcats softball team, it seems that she's not the only one working for experience.

"We're a pretty young team but we have some seniors in our group that have all of our experience, basically. We have some younger players that have started to step up," Mascia said. "(Katie) Larson got the double and (Katie) Pfund hit her in and that was our RBI. Our future is looking awesome and I'm really excited about that and they know that's the direction we're going."

As the season has progressed, the Wildcats have been allotted their fair share of "freshman mistakes." However, for Mascia, that time is quickly passing as she is beginning to ask more from her team.

"I think so, in the beginning, it was like, 'Oh, we're young, we're inexperienced,' and I said once you get four or five games under your belt, you can't use that as an excuse anymore," Mascia said. "They've really stepped up to the challenge and they're playing really well as a team."

Youth has certainly become a staple within the Libertyville dugout, but that is not to say that the Wildcats are completely devoid of veteran leadership. Seniors Natalie Chase, Michelle Lechy and Andrea Behringer have all sported Libertyville colors for some time and Mascia said their leadership has been invaluable over the course of the season.

"Our seniors are doing really well, we have three seniors, our shortstop Natalie Chase, she's great, she's solid for me every game, Michelle Lechy is our pitcher and they provide great leadership," Mascia said. "The leadership, physically and emotionally is awesome."

While Chase and Lechy have long played under the Libertyville mantra, Behringer was forced to take a hiatus from varsity ball last season after a season-ending knee injury. If Monday's 1-0 shutout against the Grant Bulldogs can be used as any indication, Behringer seems to be back in a large way. Within the contest, Behringer nabbed four strikeouts and allowed only three hits in a complete game.

'They've really stepped up to the challenge and they're playing really well as a team.'

> Patti Mascia Libertyville girls' softball coach

"Andrea (Behringer) and she's worked really hard," Mascia said. "She came off of a knee injury and didn't play at all last year. She came back with some pitching lessons and batting lessons and look how strong she is now."

For Behringer, it wasn't the pain of having to rehabilitate her knee that bothered the young woman. Instead, it was simply having to watch her team work through the 2004 campaign from the sidelines.

'It was definitely the hardest thing that I've ever done," Behringer said. "It was hard to sit on the bench and just watch them play last year. So I was really determined in the off-season to come back, get strong and help the team."

The funny part about Behringer's impressive performance is that she was actually playing out of position. Coach Mascia considers Behringer as her third option in the pitching lineup, but for the Grant game, the proof is in the pudding.

"I did pitch a lot sophomore year, but I'm mostly a center fielder," Behringer said. "It's kind of hard to adjust to the batters, but I've been doing it throughout the whole winter."

Behringer and her classmates' time might be limited, but with so many youngsters on the varsity roster, Mascia is certainly excited about the future prospects for the team. With Larson and Pfund on the varsity roster and five fellow frosh peppering the junior varsity ranks, the class of 2008 should have quite a punch in their senior season.

"The future looks awesome here and we have some young players up on varsity, we have five freshmen up on J.V. and they're hav-ing an awesome (6-2) season as well," Mascia said. "It's growing pains a little bit right now, but I know what we have and I know what we have coming in. We have a great feeder program and that's exciting too."

If the stars are going to align for the Libertyville softball team as Mascia foresees, it will take a lot of hard work. However, with the quality of coaching at every Libertyville rank, Mascia is confident in her goals.

"The direction of our program is going up,

Round

Gymnastics
The Wildcats' boys gymnastics team was victorious against Stevenson last Thursday, beating the Patriots 149.700 to 140.700 in overall competition. The Libertyville squad won in the floor exercise, rings, vault, parallel bars and horizontal bar events while Stevenson could only come away with a win in normal only come away with a win in pommel

Individually, Devin Regan was the Wildcats' biggest contributor, winning three individual competitions. Regan won in the still rings competition, beating out two Stevenson gymnasts with a final score of 9.100. Regan was also stellar in the parallel bars and horizontal bar competitions, winning with scores of 8.650 and 9.500, respectively.

Libertyville was also victorious in the junior varsity ranks, beating the Patriots' JV squad 101.500 to 81.700.

JV squad 101.500 to 81.700.

Baseball

Wildcat bats came alive last weekend as the Libertyville squad belted out 45 hits in wins against Vernon Hills and Evanston Friday and Saturday. In Saturday's first game against Evanston, catcher Matt Dittman contributed four hits and four RBI's to the Wildcats' 20-hit, 22-8 lambasting of the hosting Evanston Wildkits. In the second game, Libertyville quieted down the offense a bit, but still came away with the 5-1 win. The two wins add to the Wildcats' recent roll as Libertyville to the Wildcats' recent roll as Libertyville has won four straight to improve to 5-5 on the season.

Softball

Libertyville's softball team was carried through a close 1-0 victory against the Grant Bulldogs Monday night, thanks largely to stellar pitching by Andrea Behringer. Behringer allowed only three hits with four strikeouts and allowed only one walk. The Wildcats improve to 3-7 on the season while Grant fell to 7-9 the season while Grant fell to 7-9.

The game was a defensive match-up throughout as the game remained score-less until the bottom of the fourth inning when freshman Katie Larson led off the inning with a double and was subsequently batted in on a sacrifice fly by fellow frosh Katie Pfund for the game's lone run. Libertyville coach Patti Mascia was pleased with her team after the win. "Our team produced great today, mentally, they stayed in it the entire game," Mascia said.

there's just no question about it," Mascia said. "We have a good feeder program, kids are excited about playing the game, they're interested in playing all summer long, they're working hard at our clinics."

The team is just now beginning to reap the benefits of hard off-season work, for Mascia, that is the only way for her team to improve.

"My whole program started back in October one night a week in open gym and a hitting league," Mascia said. "They made a commitment to make this a positive experience and that's what's coming through for now and for the rest of the season. The only way we can go is up."

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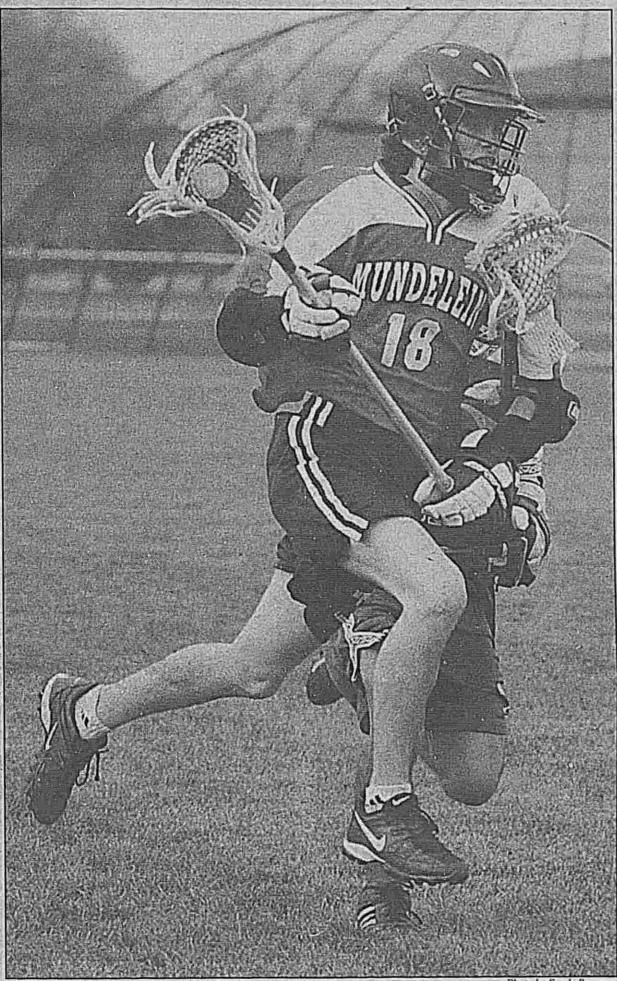
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Mustangs searching for 1st win



Mundelein High School lacrosse player Sean McNally carries the ball in his stick during a game against Grayslake High School in Grayslake's Central Park.

By Dan Patrick

Sports Reporter

t a disappointing 0-6, Mundelein lacrosse coach Mike Meyers has dealt with his fair share of adversity over the course of the season. While a winless season is the last thing any coach could want, Meyers' job has been more difficult as he works to both save the season and create a varsity team.

The Mundelein Mustangs just entered the varsity playing field at the beginning of the 2005 season after spending two years amongst the junior varsity ranks. The job has been hard on the coach, but he does see some improve-

ment within his team. "Overall, this is our first year as varsity and I am pleased with the way everything's going with these guys," Meyers said. "We do have a J.V. team also, which I'm pleased with. They're all freshmen and sophomores and out here with the varsity, they're all juniors and sen-

iors.' As for the adversity he has faced building a true varsity team, Meyers has been forced to deal with a lot in the 2005 season. The team might still be looking for their first victory, but Meyers is confident the landmark win is just around the corner.

"Starting off on a varsity team is always hard," Meyers said. "First year varsity is always

hard and I'm looking forward to getting our first win and I'm hoping we do that really

"Fundamentally, things are starting to click, they're getting a lot better. They're starting to see the field, which is really good. We just need to shoot a lot more and that's one of our problems."

As long as the Mundelein team has been in existence, coach Meyers has been there. As much as his coaching style has progressed with the program, the real coaching has come from his players simply observing the more experienced opposing squads.

"I've coached these guys for two years, this is my third year and we were J.V. for the first two years and now that we're varsity, they get to see that these other guys, they've been playing five or six years now," Meyers said. "These other guys have started before high school or at the beginning of high school instead of just two years ago and they're seeing that they can really improve skill-wise.'

According to Meyers, the players have also grown as lacrosse has transformed from the club sport ranks to the varsity ranks. As the players progress with time, Meyers is becoming more confident in his team.

"It helps that we've got the program going for a little while because these freshmen and sophomores, a couple of years down the road, our varsity team will hopefully be up there a little bit," Meyers said.

With bright prospects most likely coming

for the Mustangs a few years down the line, the Mundelein team is quick to point out that the 2005 squad also deserves a look. The injury bug has bitten the squad quite hard, but Kyle Trocha and Justin Kennedy have emerged as the assistant coaches Meyers needs on the

'Kyle Trocha and Justin Kennedy are two of my main leaders," Meyers said. "They can tell the guys what to do, they can tell the guys to settle down, they can pump them up. And they can also pump them up when I want them to settle down."

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> Mike Meyers Mundelein lacrosse coach

Even with the leadership Troach and Kennedy provide, Meyers believes there is a lot of work that remains in making the Mustangs into a competitive team. However, he still thinks the team can work its way up before the conclusion of the 2005 campaign.

"As far as getting to the varsity level, I think it might take us a couple of more games," Meyers said. "But they're realizing that they've got to go a lot harder and we've made a big jump since our first game, that's for sure. They were really slow in the beginning, but they've worked really hard and they were working together for a while."

Talent is certainly a consideration for an upstart team, but the mental game has proven to be just as much of a roadblock for the Mustangs team. Within Tuesday night's game against the Grayslake Rams, Meyers' squad ended up on the wrong end of a 12-0 blowout. While the loss could be blamed on key injuries, Meyers believes his team could compete better if they simply used their heads.

"But in the second half, they were kind of down on us and some of the guys were just disappointed and down from giving up because they were five or six goals down,' Meyers said. "Whereas last year's team, the guys didn't get down. We'd get down 5-1 and come back to win 6-5 and we never gave up. We're missing some guys that could get down and score for us, our leading scorer last year is out with a knee injury (Tim Sharfman)."

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Baseball

The Mundelein Mustangs baseball team was blanked in the conference opener against the Warren Blue Devils
Tuesday night as Warren handed the
Mustangs the 4-0 loss. The loss ended
Mundelein's five-game winning streak
drops the Mustangs to 8-8 and 0-1 in
NSC-Lake action. Blue Devil Adam
Worthington quieted Mundelein's bats en
route to an 11 strikeout, two hit shutout.
Only Mustangs Tom Shaver and Jay
Schroeder were able to connect as Shaver Schroeder were able to connect as Shaver singled and Schroeder got a double for

While the team could not come away with the Warren victory, the Mustangs baseball team was victorious Saturday in a non-conference game against the Rolling Meadows Mustangs. The Mustangs were able to couple explosive offense with good defense, crushing Rolling Meadows 6-1. Mundelein's offense was led by Steve Tonsul and Matt Tye, who both homered in the contest.

Girls' soccer

The Mustangs girls soccer team blazed through the United Township Invite Saturday, winning against Galesburg, Rock Island and eventually took the championship to improve to 8-0-1 on the season. The championship came after a 2-1 overtime victory, giving the Invitational trouby to the Mustangs for the third year trophy to the Mustangs for the third year in a row. Mundelein has been guided to success on the back of balanced play as Melanie Rasor and Ammanda Wisniewski have each scored six goals for the team on the season. Wisiniewski is the team's most dangerous offensive threat as she has also added six assists to her scoring total.

Boys' gymnastics
The No.4 ranked Mundelein Mustangs
lived up to their billing as the Mustangs won the Ken Scorza Invitational, beating ranked Stevenson squad. The Mustangs won with a score of 154.09, winning by more than ten points to their nearest competitor.

Mundelein's Joe Uczen was the biggest performer as he took the No. 2 position in the meet in all-around competition with an 8.97 average. Uczen finished second on the high bar with a 9.4 score and third on the parallel bars with a 9.1 score. Matt Fluhr took third place in the pommel horse competition with a score of 9.3 while Jeremy Mich placed third in the floor exercise with a 9.27



Mundelein High School lacrosse player Kevin Damazal carries the ball in his stick as he's jabbed by a Grayslake High School player during a game in Grayslake's Central Park.



Panthers rebuild with patience, heart

By Dan Patrick

Sports Reporter

tanding at 1-6 in the season and sport-ing an average stature of 5-foot-2, the Round Lake Panthers soccer team has been short on size and intimidation, but huge on heart. Round Lake coach Mike Hruska believes that with a little work, the Panthers can reverse the school's weak athletic reputation.

The problem is that they don't know how to win yet because around here because it hasn't happened," Hruska said. "They say, 'I guess we're just supposed to lose at Round Lake,' and I don't buy that.

While Hruska is confident a Round Lake metamorphosis is possible, he believes the real work is not about training the athletes about simple X's and O's, it's about getting them to believe in their cause.

"We just need to change the attitude, but it's a difficult thing," Hruska said. "As a coach, you have to have that personality and will and the kids have to buy into that. I work my kids hard in the workouts and they get a sense of accomplishment after those tough workouts."

Hruska, a hard-nosed, old-school coach believes that the only way for the Panthers to reach redemption is to simply stop using their school as a defense for mediocrity and simply go out and play the game.

"They have to bring that attitude, they can't just say, 'We're Round Lake,' I don't want to hear that, because to me, that's an excuse," Hruska said. "We have enough girls that could . be good, but they have to start when they're five and work to get good."

Some of his mental teachings have seemed to go to heart as the team regularly matches up against opponents with much bigger, more experienced girls. But under Hruska's leadership, size isn't anything but a number.

'We're a petite team and some other teams can out-physical us," Hruska said. "My outside right (Cindy Gomez) who was 83 pounds, but she plays hard. She gets knocked down three or four times a game, but she gets up."

Gomez and her petite frame might not intimidate anyone on the street, but her attitude serves as a model for the Round Lake team. With three girls under the five foot mark, the team is quite small in stature. However, as any boxer will tell you, an opponent that just keeps on getting up is far more intimidating than a simple imposing figure.

"We've got some really scrappy, tough girls," Hruska said. "Lizbeth Vazquez is another one that just plays hard, she's all over the place. Angelica Salgado got hit point blank right in the nose with a missile and she was all bloodied up with a bit fat lip and she said, 'I'm in.' I've got a lot of tough girls on my team, but they just lack a little bit of skill."

Patience is also a key attribute to Hruska's vision. As with any rebuilding program, or in Round Lake's case, a 'building' program, results simply cannot be expected to come within a few days.



Round Lake High School freshman forward Angelica Salgado dribbles up the field during a 5-0 loss for the Panthers at Wauconda High School.

"With a lot of good coaches, things will start out slow, they'll go four or five year with a losing record and then boom, they'll start winning and they turn into perennial state contenders and that's what I envision," Hruska said. "Our school's getting better every year, our principal's getting things corrected and I believe that as soon as I start getting more and more numbers, the kids will change their expectations where they're going to be competitive and start winning games."

As for the 2005 group, the mindset is already there, it's just the lack of skill that has held the Panthers back in the current season.

"We work extremely hard, we work on skills

and the girls are much more competitive than from what I've heard from the previous years," Hruska said. "They are playing as hard as they can for 80 minutes and that's all I can ask for."

Seniors Sarah Divine and Lilibet Marquez along with junior Heather Carey provide the nucleus to Round Lake's team and even they aren't quite as fundamentally sound as some of their opposing counterparts. But what makes the trio valuable is their ability to fulfill different roles.

"Sarah and Heather bring vocal leadership and knowledge and Lilibet brings enthusiasm and a positive attitude," Hruska said. "They have different attributes, with Sarah and

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Baseball

The Round Lake Panthers gave up an early 5-0 lead to fall to the Wauconda Bulldogs 9-5 in the North Suburban Prairie Division game Tuesday night. The Panthers scored two runs in the third and three in the top of the fourth to take the early lead. However, Wauconda cut into Round Lake's lead with a four-run performance in the bottom of the fourth inning. The Panthers subsequently carried the 5-4 lead into the bottom of the seventh when-clutch hitting led the Wauconda when-clutch hitting led the Wauconda squad to five runs to give the Round Lake team the tough 9-5 loss. Brian Mendralla was the only Panther to bag an extra-base hit as he finished the game with a double.

Softball

After suffering through 12 straight losses, Round Lake's softball team finally came away with their first win of the season Tuesday night, beating North Chicago in the North Suburban Prairie Division game. Panthers. Jamie Gallinati and Amanda Scrivner both came away with home runs to lead Round Lake to the 12-6 victory over the Lady Wartawks. 6 victory over the Lady Warhawks.

While both teams came into the game with identical 0-12 records, the Round Lake team put up a balanced effort, scoring multiple runs in the second, fifth and sixth innings, capped off by six runs in the fifth stanza. Gallinati led the fifth inning charge with a three-run homer while Scrivner hit a 2-run blast and finished with four RBI and a stolen base.

Boys' tennis
The Panthers tennis team came away
with the 4-1 victory over the Mundelein
Mustangs Tuesday night. Cesar Gomez won in no. 1 singles action, beating Colin Moulton 6-3, 2-6 and 6-1 while Anthony Beaudion Jr. was also victorious against Tom Maillard in no. 2 singles competition,

winning in straight sets 6-1 and 6-0.

In doubles competition, Round Lake's no. 1 duo of Marvin Dellota and Frank Koster also defeated Mundelein in straight sets, beating Mike Kwiatkowski and Jeff DeGuia. While the Panthers could not come away with the win in no. 2 doubles action. Dan Valadez and Sergin Rivera action, Dan Valadez and Sergio Rivera won in straight sets 6-3 and 4-6 in no. 3 competition.

Heather, they have just hard-nosed play, with Lilibet, she's just got a great attitude, she's always upbeat."

For Hruska, it's only a matter of time and a little practice before Round Lake will emerge from the doldrums.

"If we could just get some skill, we're going to be tough," Hruska said. "If I can somehow, some way get a feeder program going, we could be very successful here. It's an uphill climb, but we are making headway and we're very serious about what we're doing."



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Warren Township High School senior Sami Hanna tips one over the net during a 24-26, 25-14, 27-25 home game win for the Blue Devils against Carmel High School in Mundelein.

Devils short on height, long on talent

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

ooking at Warren's volleyball team on paper, it would be so easy to consider them a non-factor. After all, the Devils don't feature a single player over sixfeet-tall, and the team finished just 11-21 last

However, games aren't played on paper and Warren is proving that with a 14-3 mark on the season. That record includes a threegame win over one of Lake County's top teams, Carmel, on Monday.

The old adage of "defense wins championships" usually doesn't apply to volleyball, where kills and aces normally pave the way to wins. But this year's Warren team is looking to change that with the mantra of defense, defense and more defense.

"I'm very pleased with our defense," Warren coach Yun Chen said. "We may not be blocking the ball at the net, but it's not hitting the ground, either."

Helping lead the way on the back row is junior specialist Mike Emerick.

"He's the captain of our defense," Chen

said. "I saw him in the off-season and I told him he'd be our foundation in the back row.'

That, according to Emerick, was exactly what he wanted to hear from the first-year

"It's nice to know my role right off the bat," Emerick said. "But everyone on this team plays strong defense, I'm just the cap-

He also brings another important aspect to the team, according to Chen.

"He's an excellent server," Chen said. "I want him to serve all the time so I usually start every match with either him or Jason (Drake)."

"We try to get some momentum at the start of every match," Emerick said. "If we can get a lead, we always play a stronger game.'

Although he's the shortest member of the team at 5-foot-7, Emerick makes up for that with heart and energy. "Mike's short, but he has a lot of talent, heart and focus," Chen said.

"One thing about our team is we have so much energy," Emerick said. "We want to win so bad, so I just try to be loud and add to our energy."

Chen described his team as being very versatile, with anyone capable of playing any spot on the floor. Senior setter Jason Drake fits that description like a glove, as he'll often rack up just as many kills as assists.

'His setting is fantastic," Chen said. "He makes good decisions and he gives his teammates a good ball. Plus he can swing very

That, according to Drake, came from a position change two years ago.

"I was originally a hitter, but we didn't have any setters the last few years so I taught myself how to do it," Drake said. "So it's easier for me because I know what kind of balls hitters like and I'm also able to correct our other setter (junior Kyle Pearson) so he'll give me a ball I'll like."

In fact, it's gotten to the point where Drake's teammates will look to him for a kill in

'When it comes to crunch time, he can take over," Chen said. "He's become our go-to

guy and his teammates really believe in him." The only thing Chen would change about Drake, the team's captain, is his demeanor in

'Sometimes I wish he would be more

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Boys' volleyball
Despite the loss of outside hitter Kenny Williams, who sprained an ankle in Saturday's Lake County Invite, Warren improved to 14-3 on the season by defeating Carmel 24-26, 25-14, 27-25 on

Sami Hanna (10 kills), Nick Redding (8 kills, 2 blocks), Mike Khayat (19 service points, 5 aces, 7 digs) and Eric Michel (7 kills, 7 digs) all had solid matches."

Warren also fared well on Saturday, winning the Silver Pool at the Lake County Invite. Jason Drake amassed 62 kills in the tournament, Kyle Pearson had nine aces and Mike Emerick contributed 40 digs for the Devils. digs for the Devils.

Boys' tennis

Warren improved to 7-1 in dual meets
on the season after sweeping Vernon Hills
5-0 on Tuesday. Keith Moran (No. 1 singles), Brian Silverstein (No. 2 singles), Mike
Park and Dan Blaul (No. 1 doubles), Karol
Kocemba and Dan Zavorotny (No. 2 doubles) and Dan Gradner and Konrad Siczek
(No. 3 doubles) all won in straight sets. (No. 3 doubles) all won in straight sets.

Baseball

The Devils got above the .500 mark, improving to 6-5 on the season with a 4-0 win over visiting Mundelein on Tuesday. Adam Worthington threw a two-hit shutout with 11 strikeouts and also dou-

bled at the plate. Kevin Pollard homered to key the Devils' hitting attack.

Warren crushed Wauconda 15-1 in five innings last Thursday. Mario Perez picked up the win with just one hit and a run over four innings while striking out five Worthington bomered for Warren five. Worthington homered for Warren.

Softball

The Devils improved to 5-10 overall and 2-3 in the North Suburban Lake division with a 6-0 win over Libertyville on Tuesday. Alissa Groeninger picked up the win, throwing a two-hitter with three walks and five strikeouts.

Suzanne Gersich went 2-for-4 with a double, a homer and two RBI and Brittany Jones went 2-for-4 with a triple, a steal and two RBI to lead Warren at the plate.

vocal," Chen said. "But he does a good job taking care of the other guys and he can pump them up when he needs to."

"I'm a lot more vocal in games than I am in practice," Drake said. "Once I get warmed up and everything gets going, I get that adrena-

With his team flying high, Chen has high hopes for his team heading down the

"I expect us to finish top-3 in conference and go far in the playoffs," Chen said. "Hopefully, we can peak at the right time."

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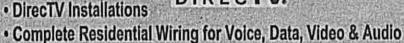
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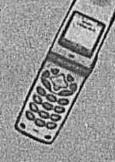


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Bulldogs flying high with 7-1 record

By Dan Patrick

Sports Reporter

ge is a strange thing in the ranks of high school athletes. While the rest of us malign over gray hairs and wrinkles, varsity athletes malign over skill and experience. For Wauconda soccer coach Terry Stevig, it's a juggling act between freshmen with gobs of skill and seniors with both skill and experience.

Coming into the season, three Bulldog seniors had high expectations riding on their collective shoulders. With an early record of 7-1, it seems the trio of Megan Cortis, Kirsten Kraus and Krista Llewellyn have more than lived up to expectations.

"I would say that the nice thing about the team this year is that we have pretty good strength in three seniors, one forward, one in the middle, and one defender," Stevig said. "Sweeper Megan Cortis, Kirsten Kraus in the middle and Krista Llewellyn attacking has been great for us."-

The trio's strength lies within their proximity to each other as each star is spread about the field. With such impressive players amongst the Bulldogs ranks, there is a danger for opponents at every spot.

"They provide leadership and a very high skill level on our team," Stevig said. "If you're defense is working well, if your middle is working well and your scorers are working well, you should be in most games, Because they're spread out on the field like this, I'm pretty confident we'll do well because we have girls at every position."

While no one has worried about the role of the trio in the Bulldogs' game plan, Stevig has also done a good job with a great amount of youth on the team. With seven freshman already playing in the varsity ranks, the team has had few growing pains along the way.

"The positive part about it is that these kids are skilled and extremely enthusiastic," Stevig said. "A lot of them are club players who are used to playing with these teams and when you take them out of that, it can be tough. But the older girls have this experience and just by the fact that they are the kids that

they are, they hold this group together."
The play has been stellar from the younger members of the Wauconda unit, but simply finding their place in the puzzle has been Stevig's challenge in the season.

"The hardest part for the coaching staff is to figure out where they play best," Stevig said. "Some of these kids play out of their own position they've been playing in club ball. When you bring a group together, some of the younger girls might be put at other positions. But, they are very enthusiastic and have been willing to try new things."

 With such a young core of players, Stevig will have a very dangerous team on his hands for the 2008 season. However, Stevig is now more concerned with the core he's losing at the end of the 2005 campaign.

"Of course I'm excited about the future, I can't see these kids do anything but get better," Stevig said. "But I do lament the fact that I'm losing these three seniors, these seniors



Wauconda High School's Krista Llewellyn, a senior, dribbles the ball during a 5-0 home game win against Round Lake High School.

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> Terry Stevig Wauconda soccer coach

are great players and they'll be really tough to replace."

Old or young, Stevig is dealing with a very talented team. While their ages might not be the same, the players do have comparable games and are able to challenge each other and elevate everyone's game in the process.

"The whole team is fairly skilled, it pro-

vides a situation where the older girls are being challenged by the younger players," Stevig said. "They just can't do what they want

to do with the ball and that does help team immensely."

Obviously, the younger members of the team will benefit more as they fight to close the experience gap between the classes. However, Wauconda's freshmen will not run and hide from the competition.

"These kids will play year round and being on varsity puts them up with these girls that are as skilled or more skilled and also physically bigger and stronger," Stevig said. "I don't see them being intimidated by older players and they're getting better all the time."

While a .875 winning percentage is certainly impressive, there is still a long way to go in the 2005 season and Stevig believes the worst is yet to come for his team. For Stevig, it's how his team deals with the challenge that will set the tone for the rest of the season.

"We've got some big games with some really talented teams and we're going to possibly take some punishment in those games and to see what we can do with that," Stevig said. "If we can grow, it will be a good season. If we

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Boys' track
Kris Gehrke, Ben Witte and Josh Patterson all won multiple events in Wauconda's non-conference victory against Harvard Tuesday. Gehrke, broke his own school record in the 300 hurdles with a time of 40.6-seconds, but he was not done there as he also bagged top honors in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 15.7-seconds. Witte won both the 3,200 and 1,600-meter races while Josh Patterson won the 100-meter dash and the triple jump. Monday was another record-breaking day for the team as Bill Cheng set a school record with a 10.6 in the 100-meter dash.

Softball

The Bulldogs' woes continued Tuesday night as Wauconda suffered through its eighth straight loss against NSC Prairie foe Grant. The tough 7-3 loss came as a result of Grant's slugger Lauren Liles who went 3-for-4 with a single, double and a triple in the contest. The problems for Wauconda began early as the team gave up four runs in the top of the first inning. Wauconda's Amanda Nance bagged a triple in the tough loss.

Baseball

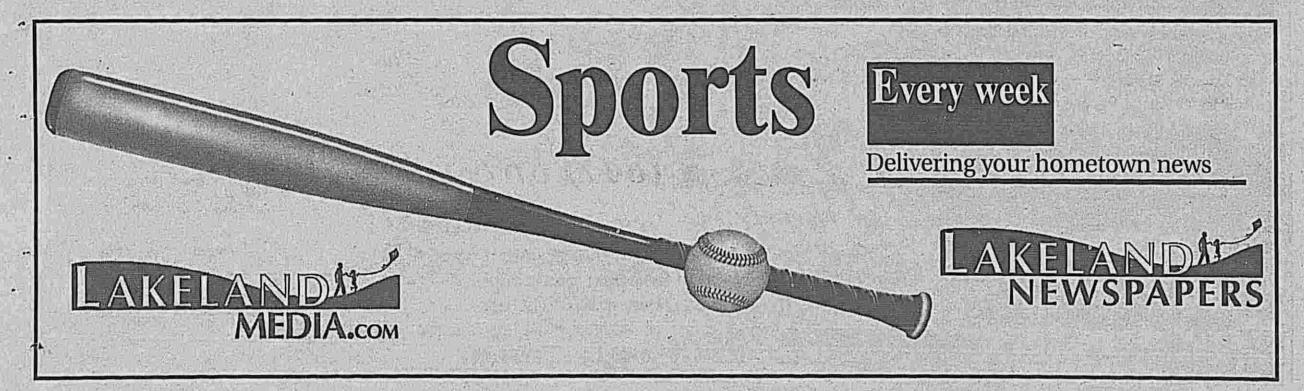
The hot bats of Dave McPhee and Joe Boisvert proved to be the difference for the Bulldogs in Wauconda's 9-5 win over the Round Lake Panthers Tuesday night. McPhee and Boivert both doubled off of Round Lakes' Steve Chrzas, in the North Suburban Prairie Division contest. Bulldog Tyler Hopfauf came away with the complete-game victory and struck out five Panthers in the process.

Wauconda was actually forced to play catch-up in the game as Round Lake took a 5-0 lead into the bottom of the fourth inning. Luckily for the Bulldogs, that's exactly when Wauconda's bats came alive as they scored four runs to bring the score to 5-4 in the Panthers' favor. With the game on the line, the Bulldogs came through again, scoring five runs in the bottom of the seventh to take away the win.

get down on ourselves, it might be bad. I'm saying that we will lose those games, they just will be tough and if we could come away with victories, it would be great for the team."

The team has grown over the short course of this season and Stevig is itching to see where his unit will go.

"At this point, I think the kids are becoming more aware of where they belong on the field and the teammates where they're going to be and that's what we need to do as a team," Stevig said. "I think we'll have a good year we're looking toward winning the conference and winning in the sectionals."





Bulldogs struggling to score

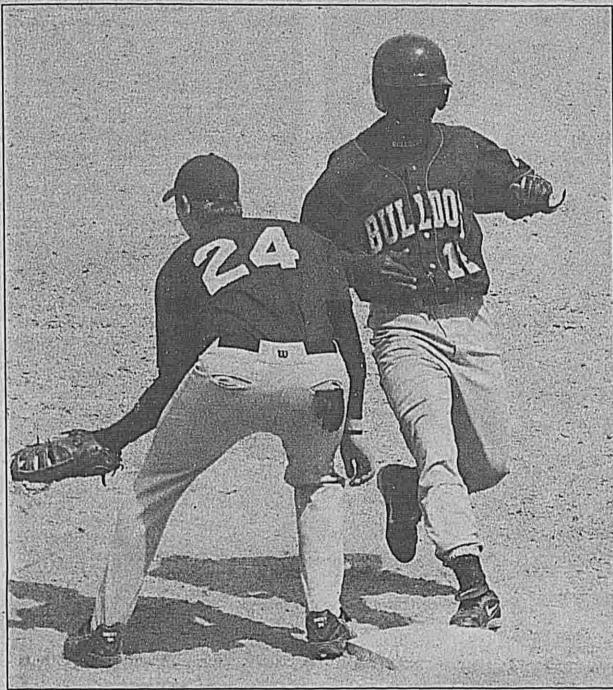


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Waukegan senior, Jordan French, hustles back to first, to avoid being tagged out, while the Bulldogs played against the Zion-Benton Zee-Bees.

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

telling statistic for any team is its ability to score two-out runs. Throughout the start of the season, Waukegan has had little trouble getting runners on base. The problem is few of those runners have come around to score, as the Bulldogs' 5-8 record would indicate.

"We're struggling at the plate right now," Waukegan coach Craig DeLost said. "Guys are getting on base, but we're not hitting the ball in key situations."

With that in mind, DeLost has made the decision to change his team's strategy on the plate and on the bases.

"We're going to play more small ball to combat our problems," DeLost said. "We're going to be aggressive on the bases and in our bunt game. Our hitting will come around, but right now we're going to play more small ball."

Instrumental in this new strategy is sophomore shortstop Armando Cruz, who is being asked to change his approach at the plate to become a more situational hitter.

"He was hitting at the bottom of the order, but he was swinging the bat well so we moved him up (to No. 6)," DeLost said. "We're just trying to get him more comfortable at the plate and with the bunt; he's being asked to bunt a lot right now."

"I know I need to work on bunting," Cruz said. "I need to have a good angle on the ball and try and look for a fastball. I also need to work on my fielding; I haven't been keeping my head down on defense, but it's coming around."

In addition to trying to develop a comfort zone with bunting and in the field, Cruz is still working on getting himself acclimated with varsity baseball, after winning the job last

"I worked hard to get the spot (on varsity) and now I'm starting to feel good up there (at the plate)," Cruz said. "I'm seeing more pitches and seeing what varsity baseball is all about."

While there have been some growing pains on the young season, DeLost is convinced Cruz will develop into an excellent player.

"He'll be a good shortstop for us," DeLost said. "He has a good glove and a decent arm. He's a good little athlete. The future looks bright for him."

'He (Armando Cruz) was hitting at the bottom of the order, but he was swinging the bat well so we moved him up (to No. 6).'

> Craig DeLost Waukegan baseball coach

One person who has had little trouble in key situations is junior left fielder Ryan MacManaman. On Saturday, MacManaman had every hitter's dream, jacking a walk-off three-run homerun in game one of a doubleheader against Zion-Benton. The shot came as the Bulldogs were trailing 3-2 in the contest.

"He's doing everything we expect of him right now," DeLost said. "He's our No. 3 hitter, so he has some pop in his bat and he's shown it. He's also made some adjustments at the plate, which have helped."

"I lowered my hands, so now my bat can get through the zone quicker," MacManaman said. "I've also opened my stance so I can hit inside pitches. I also moved closer to the plate, so I can reach some of the away pitches."

Standing so close to the plate, you would think he'd become a target for opposing pitchers. And he has, leading the team in bean balls at this point in the season.

MacManaman has also been a major contributor on the mound, backing up No. 1 starter Philip Sims.

"He's a competitor, and he's getting better on the mound," DeLost said. "He's really key for us because we're looking for consistency in our No. 2 spot and that's what he gives us."

The junior has a lower-80s fastball to go along with a curveball and a circle change.

"We expect a great performance from Sims every time out, and I just try to keep that possibility alive and try to duplicate his success," MacManaman said. "I try to hit my spots and rely on our defense because it's pretty good. And (Eric) Krueger is a wonder behind the plate."

Despite the team's struggles right now, DeLost is convinced his team will soon get back on the winning track.

"We're just trying to get consistent at the plate, on the mound and defensively," DeLost said. "If we do that, we'll be in good shape. We want to be at .500 by next week, and hopefully we'll be playing our best ball come regionals."

Round Up

Baseball

Waukegan, thanks to some late-inning heroics, managed a doubleheader split against Zion-Benton on Saturday.

Junior Ryan MacManaman jacked a three-run walk-off homer in the bottom of three-run walk-off homer in the bottom of the seventh inning, scoring Jordan French and Eric Jaburek, to give the Bulldogs a 5-3 win. Todd Sorensen started the rally with a one-out walk and scored on Jaburek's RBI single.

Game two was tied 3-3 in the bottom of the fifth inning, when Philip Sims hit a run-scoring single up the middle to plate French. Jaburek was thrown out at home attempting to score the second run and as

attempting to score the second run and as MacManaman was attempting to take third, the catcher's throw went into left field, allowing MacMananman to trot

However, the lead was short-lived as Zion tied the game in the top of the sixth with a pair of runs, thanks to walks and a wild pitch. The Bulldogs had the bases loaded and no out in the seventh, but failed to score a run. An error in the tenth inning led to the winning run as the Zee-Bees prevailed 7-5.

Softball

Waukegan fell to 9-5 overall and 1-2 in the Central Suburban South with a 6-1 loss to Niles West on Monday. Jennifer Jensen took the loss, giving up three runs on nine hits and three walks over six innings. She struck out three.

innings. She struck out three.

Megan Hagerty (2-for-3, RBI), Liz Colver (2-for-3, run) and Shavonne Ross (triple) were the bright spots at the plate for the Bulldogs.

"It was a 1-1 game in the fifth and then the wheels fell off," Waukegan coach Shane Schueneman said. "We can't beat good teams without being fundamentally sound. Jen pitched well enough to win, but we didn't get it done."

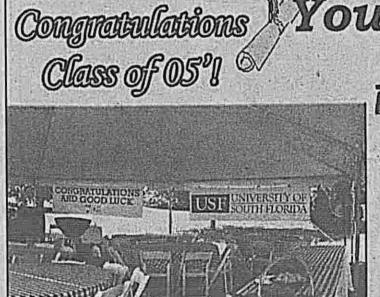
Down 1-0 after three innings, the Bulldogs responded with 20 runs over the next two, defeating Evanston 20-3 in five innings last Thursday. Niko O'Neal (4)

innings last Thursday. Niko O'Neal (4 innings, 2 hits, 1 walk, 3 K's) picked up the win, while Haley Krueger (3-for-4, 3 runs), Ross (2-for-2, 3 runs) and Jazmin Payne (2-for-4, 3 RBI) paced the Bulldogs at the plate.

"We started a little slow, but got it going in the third," Schueneman said. "We executed exceptionally well with our bunts and timely hitting."

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College of Lake County first baseman Kristin Lancaster tags a Morton player out at first during a home game in Grayslake.

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

t's hard to believe that just one year can make the difference for a player, but ask CLC softball coach Sue Garcia the discrepancy between freshmen and sophomores and she'll say it's like night and day.

"There's such a difference," Garcia said. "It's fun watching them grow in just that one year. Their experience alone will win us five or six games in a year."

Fortunately for the Lancers, they have seven sophomores and those second-year players have the team at 22-11, well on their way to their target of 30 wins.

Helping lead the way throughout the season have been Sadye McGrath and Megan Mitchell. But that's not to say the duo hasn't given Garcia her share of headaches the last two seasons.

"They're like Lucy and Ethel," said Garcia, referring to the comedic duo from "I Love Lucy." "The two of them together are making me insane. They're both rambunctious, funloving kids and when they get together it's even worse. But it's great; they enjoy what they're doing all the time."

Although the two went to different high

schools, with McGrath coming from Carmel and Mitchell from Grayslake, they struck up a fast friendship after meeting last season.

"We both have a passion for softball and we clicked right away," McGrath said. "We both have the same sense of humor."

The two also have something else in common — real talent on the diamond. McGrath currently leads the team in wins on the mound and also bats cleanup for the Lancers, while Mitchell bats leadoff and provides suffocating defense at second base.

"Sadye gives us a lot of consistency on the mound," Garcia said. "She doesn't blow anyone away, but she's always around the plate. Plus, she throws a mean change-up; when it's on it's so wild."

McGrath is also often the beneficiary of a ton of runs, as the Lancers consistently give her ample run support.

"I'm just lucky I guess," McGrath said. "I usually pitch the second game (of a doubleheader) and that's when our bats seem to come around."

She's also a big part of that, as she gives CLC a legitimate power threat in the lineup. "She's having a good year (at the plate)," Garcia said. "She has a lot of power and when she makes contact she hits the ball hard."

While McGrath is a real masher in the

middle of the order, Mitchell gives CLC some much-needed speed out of the leadoff spot.

"She has a lot of speed," Garcia said. "And she also has some power. She even hits singles with power. She's just as likely to get a triple as she is a bunt single."

That's because, although she leads off to start the game, she can easily change her approach depending on the situation.

"When I get up there the first thing I do is look at the defense," Mitchell said. "And then I always show bunt the first pitch, so draw the corners in. Then I tell myself 'High-hard' so I know to keep my hands high and my swing hard."

Although she provides an ample bat, hitting nearly .400 this season, Mitchell's biggest contribution is in the field, where a shoulder injury forced a move from third base to second.

'She's a vacuum at second base," Garcia said. "We call her 'Gator' because of the way her arms come together. She has perfect form in the field."

Mitchell is also the picture of intensity on the field, according to Garcia. "She's a fierce competitor," Garcia said.

"I hate to lose," Mitchell said. "I know our team's potential, and I know we're capable of winning all our games, so when we lose it's not right because we should win."

Round

Men's tennis

CLC improved to 2-4 on the season with a 6-3 win over visiting Rock Island on Saturday. The doubles team of David Martinez and Stephen Thomas won a close match at No. 2 doubles 4-6, 7-5 and 10-7 in the super tiebreaker.

"It was another impressive win over a very strong team," CLC coach Randy Malone said.

Malone said.

No. 2 singles player Matt Sargent improved to 5-1 on the season, winning 6-2, 6-2. Stephen Thomas at No. 4 singles also won in a super tiebreaker, 4-6, 6-4, 10-5 and Sergio Mateos and Sargent lost a close match at No. 1 doubles 6-4, 7-5.

Baseball

The Lancers now stand at 15-11 on the season and 3-3 in the Skyway Conference after splitting a doubleheader

with McHenry on Saturday.

CLC lost game one 7-1 as Nick Yoder was tagged for four runs in six innings, walking one and fanning four. Jason Acevedo had a solid game at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a double.

The Lancers bounced back in game two, prevailing 5-4. Rhett Kivland picked up the win with just a third of an inning of work, giving up two hits and a run. Phil Gnacinski earned the save, giving up two hits in an inning. Mike O'Leary started the game, giving up three runs on four hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Acevedo led CLC at the plate, going 2for-4 with a double, a homer, two runs scored and two RBI. Eric Gavlick went 3for-4 with a pair of RBI.

Softball

CLC split a Saturday doubleheader with the College of DuPage, winning game one 9-5 and dropping game two 5-4.

Kelly Wells improved to 5-0 in the

Skyway Conference, winning game one with no earned runs, seven hits and two walks allowed in seven innings. She also went 2-for-3 with a double, a run and two RBI. Brittany Behrendt (3-for-4, 3 doubles, 3 RBI) and Megan Gerken (2-for-3, 2 runs, RBI) also fared well at the plate.

The Lancers had a 4-0 fourth inning lead in game two, and Sadye McGrath appeared to escape a jam with a 1-4-3 double play, but the home plate ump, who was seemingly out of the play, overruled the field ump, saying second baseman Megan Mitchell never touched the bag. DuPage went on to score three runs in the

"Talk about a momentum killer," CLC coach Sue Garcia said. "Umpires don't lose a game. If our team loses, we either didn't play well or the other team was bet-ter. But the umps helped today."

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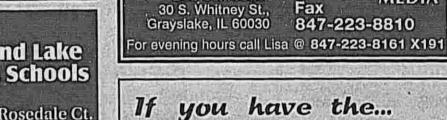


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Zen Relationships In The Workplace By Scott T. Fleischmann

Other than an occasional sporting event, I seldom watch tele-vision. However, last week I observed an amusing situation comedy where a cool detached teenager was teaching his perky cheerleader girlfriend the art of "Zen relationships." I would have called it the art of being aloof.

In the workplace, there are many who have decided to show little emotion or passion regarding work, relationships and the environment around them. Unfortunately, those people will never appreciate those parts of their lives. Granted they will also miss the disappointments. We can train ourselves to deaden our senses, but is that a valid goal?

Our senses keep us safe. They tell us when it is time to eat and they allow us to enjoy beauty. The fact that we care provides the stimulation to arrive at work on time, help others in the workplace and to be productive in our jobs. The advan-tages of utilizing our senses in a disciplined manner far outweigh the advantages of deadening them.

A part of the "Zen" training in the situation comedy was to let no one know what you are thinking or feeling. This is not only unproductive, it has nothing to do with Zen or Buddhism, which can be traced to Siddhartha Gautama in the sixth century BC. It is a distortion of the foundations of that religion.

The Goal of Buddah was to eliminate desire, which he saw as the root of evil, from his life. Unlike the teenage youth on tel-evision, he freely shared his thoughts and feelings about his

For many reasons, I have chosen not to follow a Buddhist lifestyle. However, there are certainly some positive benefits from eliminating evil desires from ones life.

Desire can produce the excesses of pride, sloth, and any variety of self-indulgence. The desire to sleep an extra hour can become a need, which causes one to be consistently late for work. The desire for attention can result in focusing on self rather than the tasks that need to be accomplished and the people around us who also need attention. Those who want to gain a better life would do well to eliminate unproductive desire rather than following the advice of the false teenage television prophet.

If the distortions of the situation comedy were accurate, each person would work in isolation. The work environment would be cold. Customers and vendors could not build productive relationships. Therefore we would not be the cold. relationships. Likewise, we would not be able to have any meaningful communication with managers or peers.

Rather than being cold and aloof, we need to learn to communicate. We need to share feelings and thoughts. We need to listen and get involved in the lives of others. Our lives, especially lead to the lives of others. cially in the work environment become more fulfilling when we build the relationships that produce teamwork. A rather clever situation comedy is bad advice in the workplace and in

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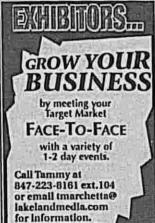
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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, otherwise you'll be butting people who can't make up their heads with everyone who crosses minds about things, Libra. Rather get through the week.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 You may not be getting the sup- Don't let your disappointment port you need on the work front, over something that goes wrong but there is no point in making a early in the week ruin the rest of scene about it, because that will your plans, Scorpic. Stop sulking, only add fuel to the fire. Ride it and get over it fast. out; it won't last long.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 You may be a bit impulsive this Not everyone agrees with the week, Gemini, but it's not neces- project you've chosen to focus on, sarily a bad thing. Spontaneity is Sagittarius. But that's not for sometimes needed to break up the everyone to decide. Continue to

humdrum. Enjoy living. CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 I's likely to be an emotional week or you and loved ones, Cancer. Before you get involved with Rely on each other as a support group, and you'll be able to rally

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 You will find plenty to laugh and AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 be happy about this week, but not Don't take anything you hear at everyone will share your positive work too seriously, Aquarius. view of the world, Leo. Don't let What you'll discover is it's mostly hem get you down.

hrough this tough time together.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22 work. This is not a good time to take risks with money, Virgo. You may think that because you've been Someone close to you will make frugal you can let loose. life difficult for you this week, Reconsider, and continue to watch Pisces. Don't be too concerned -

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You must look for compromises, You may get irritated this week by your path. Cool your temper to than getting flustered, why not help them solve their problems?

SAGITTARIUS -Nov 23/Dec 21

do what you think is best.

CAPRICORN -Dec 22/Jan 20

something you believe will have a beneficial effect on your career, do the research. It may not be all it's cracked up to be, Capricom.

gossip and deliberate. Tune out the negative and focus on your

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 it's for no apparent reason.

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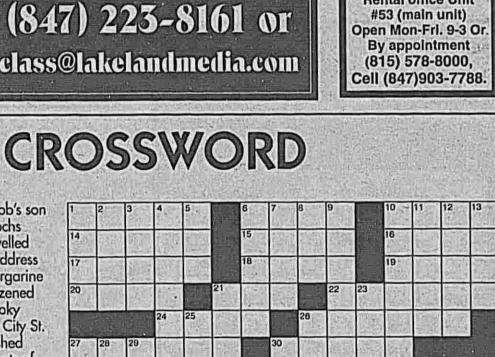
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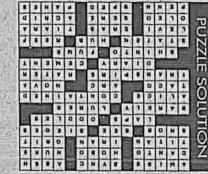
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NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: My Girlfriend's Closet Boutique NATURE/PURPOSE: Upscale Women's Clothing & Accessories ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 6265 Formoor Ln., Gurnee, IL. 60031, (847)736-4610. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE

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This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Jacqueline P. Koukol April 15, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this

/s/Christina J. Hom **Notary Public** Received: April 15, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0422D-7144-GP April 22, 29, 2005 May 6, 2005

COUNTY OF LAKE) This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Brian Scholp

March 28, 2005 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 28th day of March 2005.

/s/Christina J. Hom Notary Public Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0408B-7116-RL April 8, 15, 22, 2005

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PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Jacqueline P. Koukol, 6265 Formoor Ln., Gurnee, IL. 60031.

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ASSUMED BUSINESS

NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS:

Hines Online Marketing

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ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:

IL. 60031, (847)249-1875.

OFFICE OR RESIDENCE

TRANSACTING BUSINESS

Susan Hines, 419 Long Hill

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conduct the business this

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Notary Public

/s/Margie W. Kingsley

Received: April 13, 2005

Willard R. Helander

Lake County Clerk 0422D-7131-GP

April 22, 29, 2005

May 6, 2005

13th day of April 2005.

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/s/ Susan Hines

April 13, 2005

Road, Gurnee, IL. 60031,

ADDRESS(ES) OF THE

PERSON(S) OWNING,

CONDUCTING OR

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

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NATURE/PURPOSE:

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PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS

NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: Ms. Baubles NATURE/PURPOSE: Retail-Costume Jewelry ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 703 Hawthorn Center, Vernon Hills, IL. 60061, (847) 918-NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Marvin Griffin, 575 East Thornhill #107, Carol Stream, IL. 60188, (847)687-4641. Sam Staton, 575 East Thornhill #107, Carol Stream, IL. 8364. 60188, (312) 375-7954. STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF LAKE) This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Marvin Griffin /s/ Sam Staton March 24, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 24th day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Elida Bravo Notary Public Received: March 28, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0408B-7118-LB April 8, 15, 22, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS

NAME application

Online Retail Music & Related

NAME OF BUSINESS:

NATURE/PURPOSE:

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE

CONDUCTED OR TRANS-

ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:

OFFICE OR RESIDENCE

TRANSACTING BUSINESS

Lisa, Ted Henricks, 968 Dub-

lin Dr., Mundelein, IL. 60060,

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was acknowledged before me

by the person(s) intending to

conduct the business this 25th day of March 2005.

Received: March 29, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/Sherri Sawyer

Willard R. Helander

Lake County Clerk

April 8, 15, 22, 2005

0408B-7126-MN

Notary Public

Is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Lisa Henricks

/s/ Ted Henricks

March 25, 2005

ADDRESS(ES) OF THE

PERSON(S) OWNING,

CONDUCTING OR

(847)970-7989. STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF LAKE)

968 Dublin Dr., Mundelein, IL.

BUSINESS IS TO BE

60060, (847)970-7989.

NAME(S) AND POST

Pulse Music

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PUBLIC NOTICE **ASSUMED BUSINESS**

NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: CUSTOMIZENIT.COM NATURE/PURPOSE: Internet sales of silicone bracelets, etc. ADDRESS(ES) WHERE **BUSINESS IS TO BE** CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 38340 N. Hamilton Circle, Spring Grove, IL. 60081, (847)587-8364. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Carol Joan Main, 38340 N. Hamilton Circle, Spring Grove, IL. 60081, (847)587-

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business Is/are correct as shown. /s/ Carol Joan Main April 12, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 12th t day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Christina J. Hom Notary Public Received: April 12, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0415C-7130-FL April 15, 22, 29, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE PRIVATE FOUNDATION ANNUAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 6104(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, notice is hereby given that the annual return for 2005 of the MORTON AND CATHERINE ENGLE FAMILY FOUNDATION, a private foundation is available at the foundation's principal office for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the date of this publication.

The foundation's principal office is located at 485 North Oakwood Avenue, B-2, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

The principal manager of the foundation is Catherine Engle, telephone number (847) 234-5556.

0422D-7137-LB April 22, 2005

LEGAL NOTICE

On April 12th 2005 the Corporate Authorities of the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois passed "Ordinance 05-3, "AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS TO THE NORTHERN MORAINE WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT, COUNTIES OF LAKE AND MCHENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS" and said Ordinance having been published in pamphlet form by the Corporate Authorities of the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District are available at the office of the District Clerk, 420 Timber Trail, Island Lake, Illinois, 60042.

William C. Kreiling Clerk

Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District

0422D-7136-WL April 22, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE

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0422D-7140-WL April 22, 29, 2005

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Further information with respect thereto may be obtained either directly from this Company or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission at Springfield, Illinois 62701.

A copy of this filing may be inspected by an interested party at any business office of this Company.

Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company - G. O'Connor, Vice President

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: Under The Sycamore Tree NATURE/PURPOSE:

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: slake, IL. 60030 (847)530-

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Jackie E. Harris, 1445 Turks Cap Rd., Grayslake, IL. 60030, (847)548-9766. STATE OF ILLINOIS)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) Indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business Is/are correct as shown.

The foregoing instrument

May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: Nick Construction NATURE/PURPOSE: Interior & exterior remodeling & new construction

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 20818 Dogwood, Deerlield, IL. 60015, (847)229-9355. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Nicolae Curtean, 20818 Dogwood, Deerfield, IL. 60015, (847)229-9355. STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF LAKE) This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business Is/are correct as shown. /s/ Nicolae Curtean

April 11, 2005 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 11th day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Adriana Lomeli Notary Public Received: April 11, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0422D-7138-LB April 22, 29, 2005 May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: Conference and Meeting Planners International NATURE/PURPOSE: Business meeting planners

and travel. ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 1191 Chesterfield Ln., Grayslake, IL. 60030, (847)543-8863.

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Lori Weisberg, 1191 Chesterfield Ln., Grayslake, IL. 60030, (847)543-8863. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

.This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Lori Welsberg April 15, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 15th day of April 2005. OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/Hisami Frederick Notary Public Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0422D-7141-GL April 22, 29, 2005 May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: Kiel's Kustoms NATURE/PURPOSE: Mobile airbrush repair of vehi-

cles, customizing of vehicles,

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE **BUSINESS IS TO BE** CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 70 E Big Horn Dr., Hainesville, II. 60030, (847)543-

4561 NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Kiel W., Suzanne H., Sawusch, 70 E. Big Hom Dr., Hainesville, IL. 60030, (847)543-4561. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Kiel W. Sawusch /s/ Suzanne H. Sawusch

April 19, 2005 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 19th day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Barbara J. Noster Notary Public Received: April 19, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0422D-7145-GL April 22, 29, 2005 May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE **ASSUMED BUSINESS** NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: **Delta Construction** NATURE/PURPOSE: General Contractor-Remodel-

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 1212 Ranch Rd., Lake Forest, IL. 60045, (847)482-1800. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Zbigniew Sterczynski. 1212 Ranch Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60045, (847)482-1800. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Zbigniew Sterczynski April 7, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 7th day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Barbara Gryczka Notary Public Received: April 15, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0422D-7146-LB April 22, 29, 2005 May 6, 2005

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(s/ Jackie E. Harris April 14, 2005

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OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Christina J. Hom Notary Public Received: April 14, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0422D-7132-GL April 22, 29, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE **ASSUMED BUSINESS** NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS: Bella Flora Professional Land-

NATURE/PURPOSE: Landscaping ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 207 Beachview, Round Lake, IL. 60073, (847)833-5521. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Julio Arteaga, 207 Beachview, Round Lake, IL. 60073, (847)833-5521. STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF LAKE) This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Julio Arteaga April 18, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 18th day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Christina J. Hom Notary Public Received: April 18, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0422D-7142-RL April 22, 29, 2005 May 6, 2005 900

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PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS:

Grayslake Webmasters NATURE/PURPOSE: Web design ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 182 Wellington Ct., P.O. Box 7006, Grayslake, IL. 60030, (847)530-6422. NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Grace N. Gilbert, 182 Wellington Ct., Grayslake, IL., 60030, (847)548-8714. STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF LAKE) This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Grace N. Gilbert ____

April 13, 2005 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 13th day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Grace M. Brown Notary Public Received: April 13, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0422D-7135-GL April 22, 29, 2005 May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: ADR Sewer and Drain Care Specialists NATURE/PURPOSE: Sewer and drain care ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 695 Britney Sq. Apt. 3, Grayslake, IL. 60030, (773)301-

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Randy Adkins, 695 Britney Sq. Apt. 3, Grayslake, IL. 60030, (773)301-5376. STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Randy Adkins April 14, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 14th day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Barbara J. Noster Notary Public Received: April 14, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0422D-7134-GL April 22, 29, 200 May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE **ASSUMED BUSINESS** NAME WITHDRAWAL OF OWNER(S) OR

CANCELLATION NAME OF BUSINESS: ACR Custom Lawn Service ORIGINAL DATE FILED: 7/02/04

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the person(s) listed below has/have ceased doing business under the assumed name or has/have no further connection or financial interest in business. Withdrawal said shall be effective 4/18/05 Julio Arteago 207 Beachview Roubd Lake, IL. 60073 (847)546-9350.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) withdrawing from the business this 18th day of April 2005.

/s/ Julio Arteaga

April 18, 2005

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Christina J. Hom **Notary Public** Received: April 18, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0422D-7143-RL April 22, 29, 2005 May 6, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS:

Vlar Security NATURE/PURPOSE: Guard & Patrol ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 307 Fairlawn Dr., Round Lake Park, IL. 60073, (847)740-3907.

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Juan Villar, 307 Fairlawn Dr., Round Lake Park, IL. 60073, (847)740-3907.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE) This is to certify that the un-dersigned intend(s) to con-

duct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown. /s/ Juan Villar April 1, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 1st day of April 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Christina J. Hom Notary Public Received: April 1, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0408B-7117-RL April 8, 15, 22, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application NAME OF BUSINESS:

Nathaniel DJ NATURE/PURPOSE: Disc Jockey Jobs ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS-ACTED IN THIS COUNTY: Lambs Farm, Rockland Rd., LibertyVille, IL. 60048, (847) 362-4636.

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS Nathan Ward, 26259 W. Laurel Ave., Wauconda, IL. 60084, (847)526-5889, (847) 308-5889

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business Is/are correct as shown. /s/ Nathan Ward March 21, 2005

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 21st. day of March 2005.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/Christopher J. Molenda Notary Public Received: April 6, 2005 Willard R. Helander Lake County Clerk 0415C-7132-GL April 15, 22, 29, 2005

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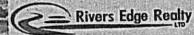
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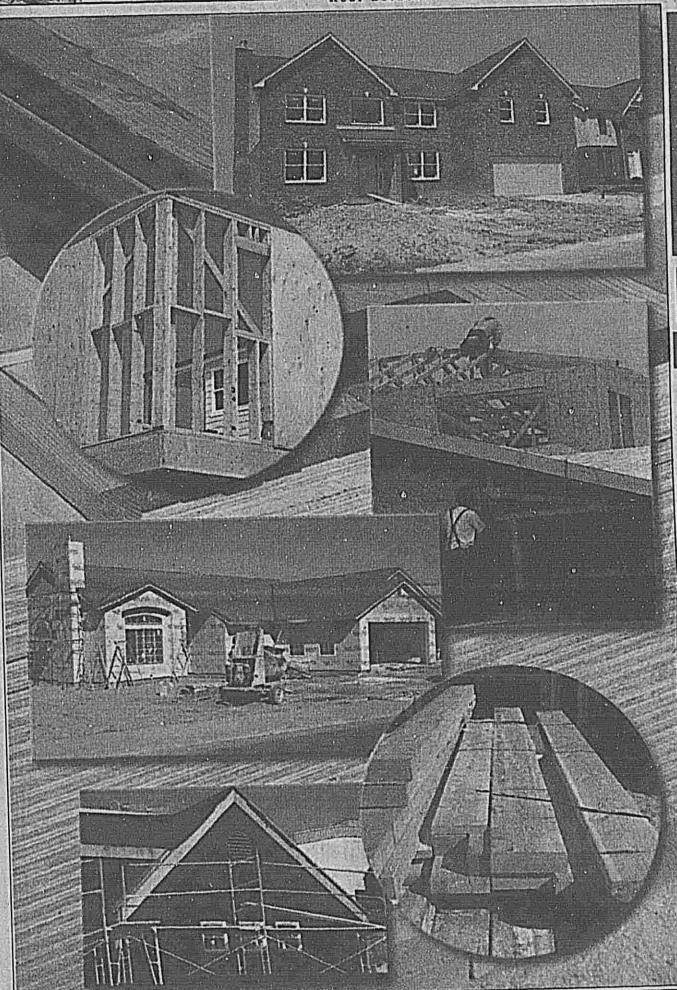


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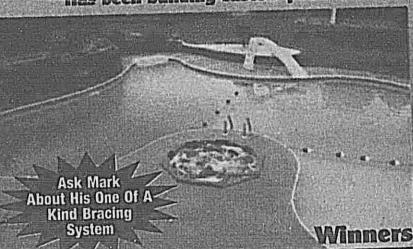






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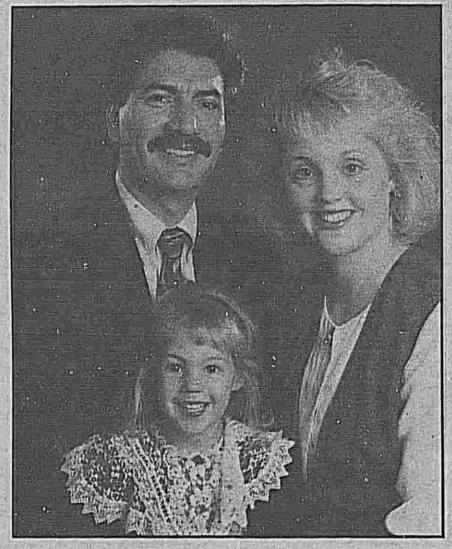


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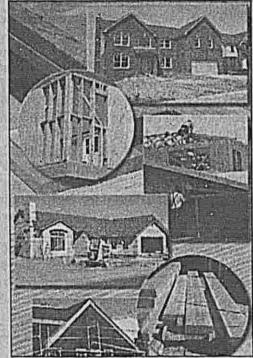




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About the cover:

Arrival of spring, a little late this year, signals the start of another Lakeland construction season. Hundreds of area homeowners will be enjoying the experience of a lifetieme participating in the construction of a new home. From groundbreaking to turning the key, goodadvice is to 'stay close' to construction progress. The wisdom of the process is attending to little details before they become big headaches.



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Faucet

Crescent wrench

· Plumber's putty

Two flexible water

Pliers

Scraper

Remove the water lines that are running to the faucet by using the crescent wrench. Use the wrench to remove the two plastic nuts beneath the sink that hold the faucet intact. Remove the faucet, and scrape off any residue around the sink area.

Shape the plumber's putty into a long roll, about the width of a pencil. Place the putty on the sink in the shape of the the new faucet base. Press the new faucet down onto the putty to seal it. Replace the plastic nuts included with the faucet by going underneath the sink again. Install the new flexible water lines, without overtightening (hand-tighten and 1/2 turn with the crescent

Remove the excess putty from around the new faucet using the scraper.

Unscrew the aerator (the tip of the faucet), and open the hot and cold water spigots. Turn on the water supply again. Let the stream run for a few minutes to clear any debris that got lodged in the faucet while the water was shut off. Turn off the spigots and screw the aerator back on.

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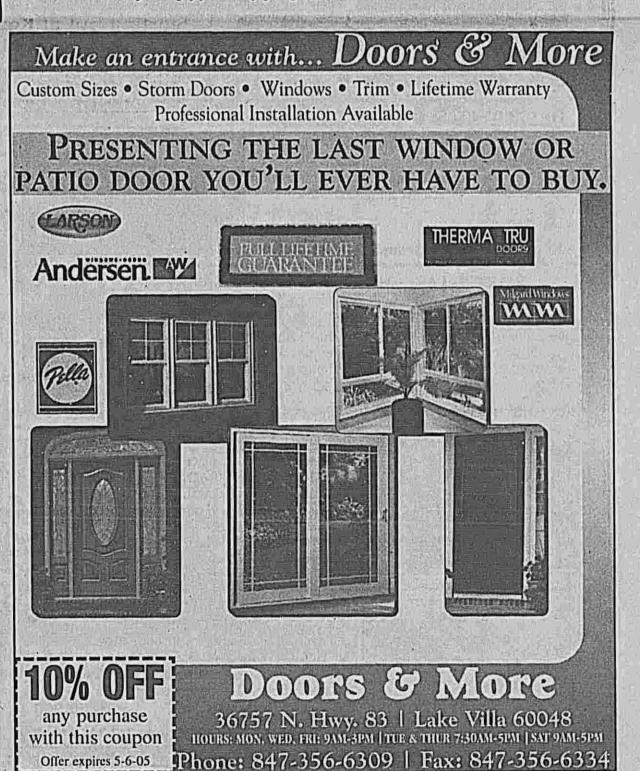
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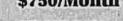
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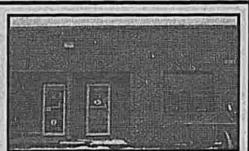
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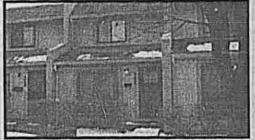
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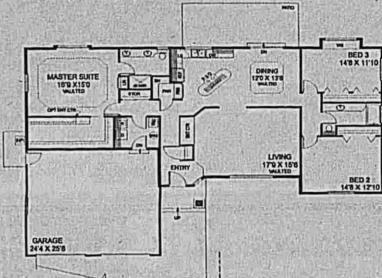
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ontemporary in looks, the Dawn (501-15) has a covered porch, varied rooflines, and large paned windows that enhance the facade. The twocar garage is on the left and has a separate roofline of its own. .

Entry into the 1,919-square-foot Dawn has the living room on the right. It is vaulted, has a large window overlooking the front vard and is very spacious. A doorway in the rear of the living room opens into the vaulted dining room and the kitchen.

The dining room is very large and the vault is located in the center to add a pleasing look to the room. Sliding glass doors open onto the patio. The kitchen on the left is an "L" shape with an island containing the range and oven and cabinets. A dishwasher, dual sink, Lazy Susan in the corner, and the refrigerator run in this "L." At the end is a walk-in pantry as well as a cabinet accessible to the pantry from the kitchen. A storage closet and the utility room are in this hall area.

To the far left is the master suite with a



coffered vault ceiling. Between the main suite and the garage is every woman's dream of a walk-in closet. It is enormous. There is an area that could be an optional entertainment center if desired. The master bath has "his and her" sinks and an oversized shower.

On the opposite side of the home are the other two bedrooms. Bedroom two faces the front of the home and has a wall closet. Between the two bedrooms is a full bath with a tub. Bedroom three has an extra long wall closet on the front wall and a window seat in the rear overlooking the back yard.

This beautiful home would be ideal for the empty nesters. The master suite is so large that it would be wonderful to enjoy the space.

The rest of the home is very open and easily accessible. With the bedrooms on the opposite side of the home, there is privacy when the kids or grandkids come to visit.

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Landscaping sets scene for successful home sale

hether it's adding new sod, putting in a tree, planting spring bulbs, giving your yard a good clean up or planning holiday decorations, a focus on your home's landscaping always make sense.

"Landscaping is a major factor in a home's curb appeal, and curb appeal plays a vital role in determining how fast a home sells and whether it commands its fulll listing price or a bit less," says Bob Wisdom of RE/MAX Professionals. To realize your home's price potential, he advises, "Opulent landscaping isn't necessary, just something that is simple and well done."

Wisdom estimates that for two similar homes, one well landscaped and the other not, the difference in selling price can be as high as 10 percent in his area.

He recommends that sellers adhere to a few basic precepts when it comes to preparing the home for sale. Keep the driveway in good condition (asphalt driveways must be sealed regularly). Keep beds and shrubs neatly trimmed and mulched. Use flowering plants to add some color in summer and add a few evergreens to provide color in winter.

What an owner spends to landscape her home should be commensurate with the value of the property, advises Bob O'Hara of RE/MAX.

"The usual rule of thumb is that you don't want to spend more than 5 to 10 percent of the value of your home on landscaping. Professional landscaping is not inexpensive, but it can help sell a home more quickly. I'd estimate it will cut the selling time of a home by anywhere from two weeks to a month," O'Hara said.

Landscape isn't just an eye-appeal issue. A landscape created with ease of maintenance in mind can definitely help well a home, contends Aram Bayzaee of RE/MAX.

For those thinking of selling their home in the next few years and considering a landscaping upgrade to make the property more attractive, Nancy Marshall of RE/MAX. recommends keeping things simple and selecting fast-growing shubs that will make an impact quickly.

Beyond paint —



How to makeover a kitchen on a budget

o you've just spent almost all your savings buying a home, or dropped a few months rent making the move to a new apartment. More space, lots of possibilities, but the kitchen is an eyesore. Sure, you'll paint, but how else can you turn a sad kitchen into a glad kitchen on a very small budget?

According to experts at The Art Institutes, it is possible to stick to a tight budget and make a few simple, yet big impact changes that will turn an ugly duckling kitchen into a

One way to do this, according to Suzann Nordstrom, an instructor with The Illinois Institute of Art-Schaumburg, is to see kitchens as they used to be, when "freestanding furniture was used to house kitchen objects." Though this went out of fashion when built-in cabinetry came along, Nordstrom says it's making a comeback, and it's a perfect design idea for anyone redoing a kitchen on a tight budget.

"Think about using a piece of furniture, which might already exist in the house or find a hutch or case piece at a flea market or antique shop," she says. By using an actual piece of furniture, you have an opportunity to set a specific style for your kitchen. Whether it's French country, Asianinspired or Italian farmhouse, chances are a great piece can be found on almost any budget.

In addition to furniture, Nordstrom says lighting can make or break the look of your kitchen. "The secret to making a lighting statement in your kitchen is to use task, ambient and accent," she explains. Most people do well with ambient lighting, which is usually a large overhead fixture, but to get task and accent lighting on a budget, Nordstrom recommends placing under-cabinet lighting in the front and bottom of wall cabinets, or over islands or peninsulas by using pendants. Both types of lighting are easily available and affordable at a local home center. Accent lighting can be achieved by using rope lighting above wall cabinets or using small lamps on freestanding furniture, islands or peninsulas.

Yanitza Tavarez, an interior design instructor at The Art Institute of Washington, has learned a trick or two for turning around the look of a drab kitchen. "Consider replacing your knobs and handles. Whether you choose sleek and modern or fun and whimsical, new hardware provides a range of options that will fit into any budget," she says.

Cabinet resurfacing is another option Tavarez recommends. Though it's more expensive than just painting, it's not as pricey as all new cabinetry. She likes inserting glass panels for a fresh new

Super easy tricks for updating and improving the look of any kitchen don't have to cost anything. Tavarez says "de-clutter your countertops and you'll be amazed how much cleaner and brighter your kitchen can look." For splashes of color, fill a beautiful bowl with lemons or limes, or display a fresh, brightly-colored tea towel. Take your children's artwork and frame it. With

Here are a few more simple tips from the design pros at The Art Institutes:

. If you can't replace old appliances, think on a smaller scale. Instead, replace your old toaster, blender, and/or microwave with new ones utilizing fashionable stainless steel. Remember to select a satin finish in order to avoid fingerprints.

 Consider coordinated storage containers. For example. use glass jars to store your pasta, rice and/or cereal. It also serves as a colorful display. In a similar manner, you can substitute the bottles of mismatched spices into a streamlined

· Taking inspiration from museums, display your favorite kitchen objects. For example on a simple shelf, make an arrangement of the myriad of ice cream scoops and cups that you have gathered throughout the years. Thus, look at the potential for collections when you visit flea markets and yard

kitchens and dining rooms.

· Paint will always remain the least expensive way to make an Impact but it is not always an option (particularly in rented spaces). If you can paint, generally, warm colors (oranges, yellows and reds) are better suited for

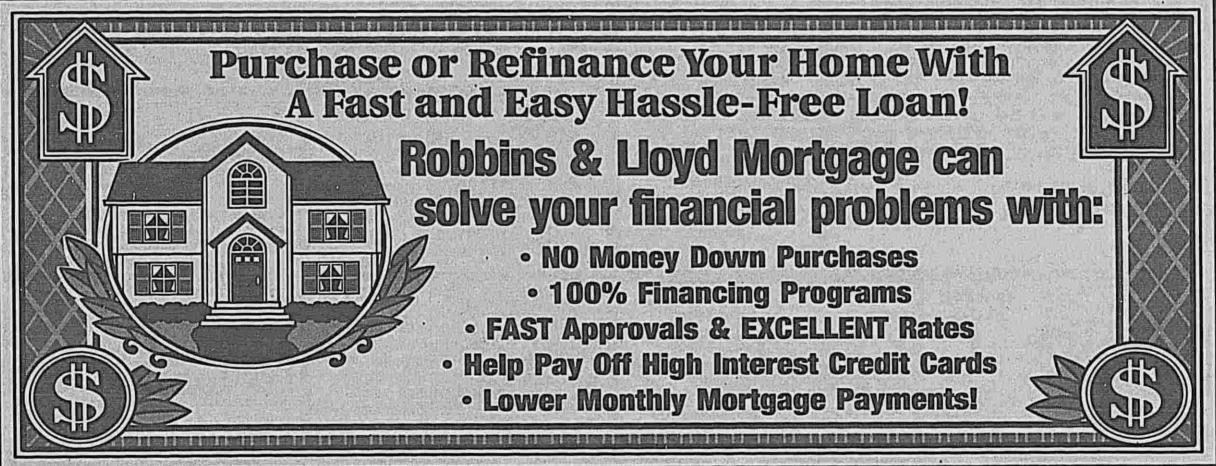
smaller pieces, you can use them across a backsplash. Plastic or laminate frames are easy to wipe off; says Tavarez, and they become "little masterpieces in your kitchen."

With any budget, small or large, it's important to stay realistic. John Franke, a design instructor at The Art Institute of Pittsburgh says, "On a really tight budget, you usually can't move plumbing or necessarily buy new appliances." Instead, he recommends educating yourself by heading to your local home center, and finding out what's possible for the money you have. If you don't have a lot of countertop, maybe you can afford a new laminate one. Laminates have come a long way in terms of mimicking the look of more expensive materials, and their cost is still very afford-

Last but not least, consider consulting with a professional designer. Though it may seem out of reach on a budget, many designers are willing to work with a client on an hourly basis offering advice on color, lighting or effective use of space. "Designers are professionals, and are trained to find design solutions, even on a small budget," says Franke.

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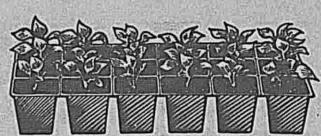


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What to do in April



pril landscaping hints from the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association include some critical information about saving your tree investment if you are considering any construction projects. Also included are tips about mowing, flowers, mulching, and

Save your tree investment during construction projects! Interest rates have crept up, but still are historically a fairly good bargain - and refinancing activity is going strong, which will probably translate into a lot of home expansions taking place this spring. Here are some tips to help save one's continually growing tree investments:

Remember, the trees most sensitive to root damage are those we consider the most desirable: sugar maples, white and red oaks, and most hardwood forest trees.

Disregard the tree myth that the older, larger trees will be hardier than the younger tree. In fact, the opposite is true. Younger, smaller trees can withstand more root injury than a mature

Protect trees adjacent to construction areas by fencing off root zones. Remember that roots are rarely deeper than 24 inches, with the majority of the most valuable roots in the top six inches of soil. These roots extend out a minimum one and a half times the width of the branch canopy. Placing fences just a few feet away from tree trunks may give a sense of security, but except for protecting the trunk itself, does nothing to protect the tree. Also, don't be fooled when observing apparently-healthy trees on construction projects at the time of work completion. A previously healthy tree which has been damaged during construction will not show any visual evidence of damage for several months, and will usually takes years to decline and eventually die.

If excavation must take place within a tree's root zone and the tree is to be saved, have the roots pruned with a specialized root-pruning machine before the backhoe machine is brought in and soil removal begins. The sooner the pruning takes place before excavation is to begin, the better.

If equipment absolutely must pass over root areas, spread a thick layer (12-inch minimum) of wood chips to help absorb the weight. Besides root compaction, changing the grade of the soil around trees can also be detrimental. A tree root system needs oxygen. Piling soil on top of the roots will literally suffocate them. Also, changing the soil grade can alter drainage patterns, causing roots zones to become and stay too wet.

Involve an arborist, landscape architect, or horticulturist (ideally all three!), in the early planning stages of your project if existing trees are involved. An ounce of prevention can save tens of thousands of dollars in the replacement of lost trees, and prevent lower land values due to the loss of irreplaceable specimen trees. A mature tree has an appraised value of between \$1,000 and \$10,000 according to the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers. All in all, tree preservation is a very inexpensive way to ensure maximum return on investment on any construction or remodeling project.

Leave those grass clippings!

Make a commitment not to bag grass clippings this mowing season. Returning the grass leaves to the soil adds nutrients for the turf. By not bagging clippings mowing is faster and easier and unsightly curbside storage is eliminated. Today's mulching mowers and mulching blades do a great job, but remember to not let the grass grow too long in between mowing occurrences.

Ideally, no more than one third of the grass leaf should be cut off during any mowing. Mowing height should be between two and a half and three inches. Always keep the mower blades sharp.

Flower power!

If your emerging tulips and crocuses are devoured by animals this spring, consider planting narcissus, hyacinth and scilla bulbs next fall. For a continuous supply of flowers, plant gladiolus bulbs every 10 days, beginning in late April, 3 to 4 inches deep and 3 to 6 inches apart. Gladioli, great summer-cut flowers, bloom in 85 to 90 days.

Correct mulching works!

Obtain optimal long-term moisture conservation by mulching tree and shrub beds while the soil is moist. Besides moisture conservation, mulching also discourages the generation of weed

Make sure the mulch is a maximum of 3 inches deep. Avoid volcanoes! This is the practice of steeply mounding soil or mulch up against tree trunks. The mounds, which are unsightly and unnatural in appearance, promote insect activity, diseases and can actually girdle the tree due to the bark rotting away.

Ideally, organic mulches should always be aged before applied. Fresh mulch, when decomposing, robs the soil of nutrients.

Crabgrass elimination help!

Apply pre-emergent crabgrass herbicide to turf when forsythias are blooming. Apply crabgrass control only along hard surface areas such as driveways and sidewalks if you would like to reduce costs and the amount used. These areas are the most common (and visible) areas for crabgrass due to the heat generated by the hard surfaces, and in many cases, the turf is weaker due to the affects of winter dicing chemicals. Also, if you are not treating the entire yard, make sure to spread on and around last year's known crabgrass-infested areas throughout the lawn

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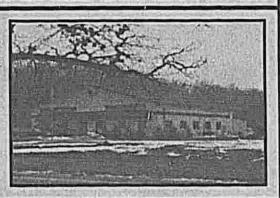
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n't look forward to those first signs of spring and to the warm, extended days ahead: Bright skies, green grass and more time in your outdoor living space. Industry experts agree that outdoor living is a growing trend, with the design and redesign of outdoor rooms becoming increasingly innovative and sophisticated. These experts also cite that a defined outdoor living space can represent up to 30 percent of a home's value. Outdoor areas add more room to your home for entertaining family and friends, offer a safe and comfortable play zone for the kids and better yet, can add a much needed personal retreat that feels like you're on vacation...without even packing a suitcase. So don't a miss a single day. This year, be prepared to maximize your outdoor living space and enjoy more of your home. Here are a few tips to get you started:

Dust Off Winter — Spring Cleaning 101

Outdoor furniture is often placed in storage or exposed to the elements so simple cleaning before and during the season is recommended. "For most metal tables and chairs, including those produced of steel, cast aluminum or aluminum, mild soap and water is the best solution," says Debbie Foster, an expert in outdoor furniture and a personal concierge from Homecrest, a leading manufacturer of furniture for outdoor living. "Hose down or wash with water and mild soap to help remove dust, pollens, chemicals, salt water and dirt. And to maintain the frame finish, here's another tip....apply a coat of clear liquid car wax once a year. For that occasional nick or scratch, Homecrest offers its owners special touch-up paint to keep furniture looking new for years. Also be sure to check cushions for wear and tear and consider replacement if necessary."

Assess Your Needs

If you're a new homeowner or have recently remodeled or completed an exterior landscaping project, you may be in need

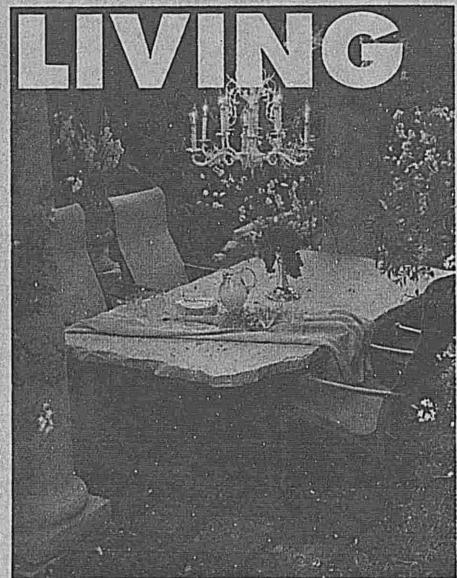
aah, spring! After the dark days of winter, who does- of additional or new furnishings to complete the space. While there is a vast array of outdoor furnishings available, start your shopping early in the season to have the best selection. And before you begin, decide how you plan to use your space to determine what you will need are you creating an outdoor living room, an outdoor kitchen, a private retreat or a dining/entertaining space? Also, many of the finest brands offer custom frame finishes and fabrics so that you can have exactly what you want. Outdoor rooms are no longer comprised of a picnic table or a hodgepodge of plastic chairs. Make your outdoor space a seamless extension of your interior design creating a room that is both functional and beautiful.

Shopping Made Simple

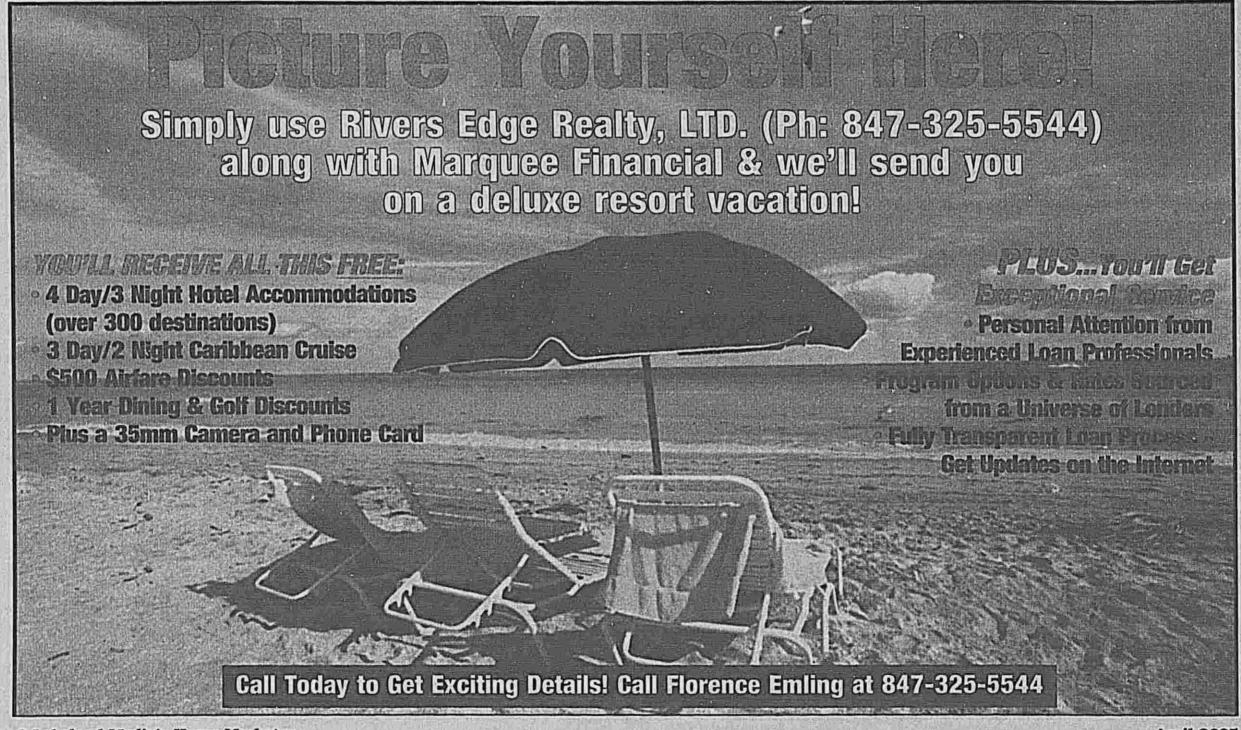
Lacking a bit of confidence when it comes down to choosing colors and fabrics? Not to worry. New to the market this year and available at specialty seasonal and furniture stores nationwide, the Homecrest Index, or "HI", can make every shopper a design expert. Once you determine the pieces necessary to create your outdoor living space, with "HI" you can simply coordinate frame finish with the most fashionable fabrics. Custom orders such as this typically arrive in six weeks or less. Or if you're looking for a quick solution for an upcoming event, many of these same specialty and furniture retailers will carry inventory of their best selling collections in several colors and fabrics.

Extend Your Outdoor Living Experience — Fusion Living

With the popularity of outdoor living and the design trend of bringing the indoors out, many are also bringing the outdoors in, fusing styles to maximize their use year-round. Sunrooms, guest rooms and breakfast/dining areas are all great locations for incorporating a bit of the outdoor experience.



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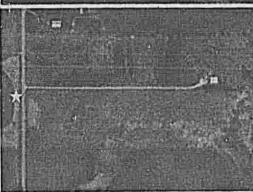
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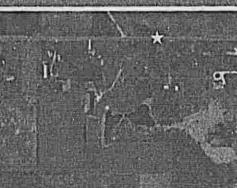
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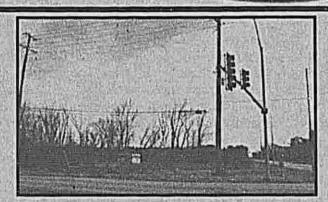
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10 ways to conquer and prevent mold

old can ruin the appearance of a home's interior and exterior, and certain types may even cause health-related problems if left unchecked. But, conquering and preventing mold is quite simple, according to Ed Keith, senior engineer with APA—The Enginereed Wood Association. "It's all about venting and sealing," Keith said. "Get rid of the moisture and you've banished your mold problem."

Industry research points to poorly sealed windows and doors as major culprits for mold growth. But don't forget about proper venting, "We've seen folks seal their homes up tight and forget about the importance of venting moisture," Keith said. People shouldn't let moisture collect from steamy showers, dishwashers and washing machines. Using

a properly vented exhaust fan, for example, regularly keeps indoor spaces dry.

APA says that if homeowners are armed with a common-sense plan, they can overcome mold and protect their most valuable asset — their home. APA has launched a new initiative and Web site, FreeFromMold.org, which provides recommendations and suggestions for addressing common causes of mold. Following is the their "Ten-Point Protection Plan." If homeowners follow the

plan's routine maintenance suggestions, they can help keep minor mold problems from becoming major

1. Roof — Remove moss and lichen growth anywhere on the roof using a broom or garden hose with a spray nozzle. Direct water down the roof, never up under the shingles. Remove debris build-up in valleys and at wall-to-roof intersections.

2. Gutters/downspouts — Clean gutters with a blower, hose or small broom. (A hose will help pinpoint leaks and other trouble spots.) Use gutter cement on cracks or replace gutter sections according to manufacturer's instructions. Make sure that downspouts drain away from the house.

3. Windows/doors/siding - Inspect and recaulk siding, windows, utility penetrations and doors. Check that weatherstripping around doors and windows seals tightly to prevent moisture from entering.

4. Drainage - Make sure that perimeter ground slopes away from the foundation. If downspouts dead-end near the foundation, add splash blocks to redirect water away from the foun-

5. Sprinklers - Water your plants, not your house. Redirect lawn sprinklers so they do not wet the siding, windows or foundation walls.

Landscaping — Trim plants away from the siding. Large shrubs or vegetation may need to be moved if foliage persistently contacts siding, windows or utility penetrations like dryer

7. Attic — Look for water stains on the underside of the roof, rusted nails and discolored moldy sections on any surface. If you find any of these moisture warning signs, look for the source of the moisture, such as a vent that isn't directing air to the outside. Also check that there is room for air to flow from the eaves (soffit vents) into the attic space and out the upper roof

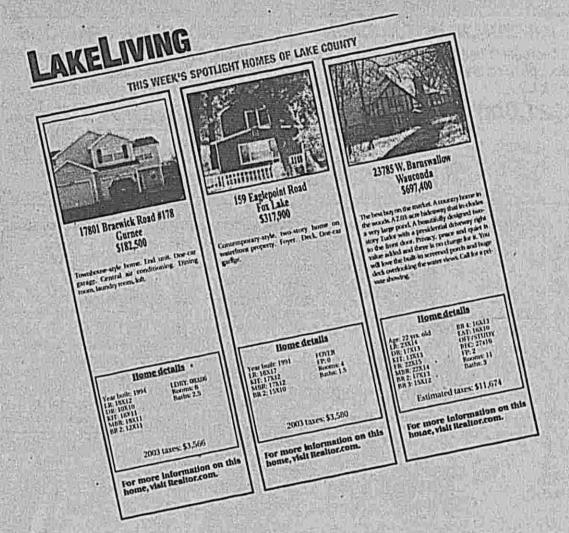
8. Ventilation — Install timers on bathroom and laundry fans, and run fans for 20 minutes after showers. Your bath, kitchen and laundry fan ducts should vent outside and never terminate in the attic or another area of the house.

9. Kitchen/Bath — Inspect plumbing fixtures, paying particular attention to areas under sinks and toilets and around showers and tubs. Look for stains, cracks and mold on caulk, and

Basement — Check your basement and crawlspace for moisture problems such as standing water, mold on floor joists or rust on metal fasteners. Replace loose or missing batt insulation. If crawlspace is not insulated, install a 6-mil polyethylene vapor barrier over exposed ground. If you find serious moisture damage or standing water in the crawlspace or basement, call a contractor to repair and correct the source of the problem.

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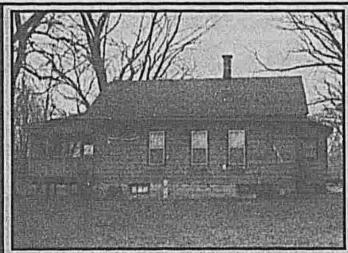


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Hydrangeas for everyone

ydrangeas are among the most popular flowering garden plants. Prized for their huge, dramatic flowers, they can literally stop traffic. Yet cold winters and late frosts often damage the flower buds and prevent blooming. Fear of losing the flowers has kept many gardeners from enjoying these beautiful plants. This need not be the case, because with careful selection all gardeners can enjoy hydrangeas and their remarkable flower displays.

When choosing a hydrangea it is very important to pay attention to the type of species or variety. Big leaf hydrangeas (Hydrangea macrophylla) are very popular for their large colorful flowers but unfortunately they are the least hardy. Lush green plants that do not bloom every year may disappoint gardeners. The blooms often fail because their flower buds are formed in fall of the previous year; a hard winter, an untimely frost or inappropriate pruning may damage the buds and the flowers will be lost.

Native to the mild coastal regions of Japan, of species or variety. big leaf hydrangeas are not well suited to the dramatic temperature swings of continental North

America. These hydrangeas are best reserved for gardeners on the East and West Coast who have a milder maritime climate similar to Japan. Care must also be taken to prune at the proper time. Prune only lightly, while the plants are blooming in June.

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important to pay attention to the type

The flower color of big leaf hydrangea ranges from white to deep pink to rich blue depending upon the variety selected and your soil type. Soil pH and aluminum content affect the flower color, with acid soils producing blue flowers, and alkaline soils producing pink blooms. Even in acidic soils low levels of aluminum or high levels of phosphorous may result in pink flowers. Spring and autumn treatment with aluminum sulfate will solve this and help produce blue flowers.

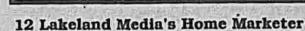
Most gardeners will find greater success with panicle hydrangeas (*Hydrangea paniculata*). These plants are very hardy and bloom reliably no matter where you live. Pruning is not complicated so you will be rewarded with plenty of dramatic summer flowers. The difference is that panicle hydrangea flower buds are formed in late spring. The flower buds will never be damaged by frost or freeze, so they bloom reliably every year. Pruning is much easier as well. Simply prune them from late fall to spring. If you want larger flowers, cut them back extra hard. It's that easy.

One of the best panicle varieties is 'Limelight.' It's a beautiful new selection with remarkable soft green flowers. It is a very strong bloomer with loads of flowers from July until frost. It's unique because its large, full blooms change to shades of pink and burgundy as summer runs into fall. The result is a dramatic combination of green, pink and burgundy flowers on the same plant. Limelight is very easy to grow, can be planted in full sun or partial shade, and is unaffected by soil pH. This 6- to 8-foot tall beauty is a great addition to existing shrub borders, the back of the perennial bed or it can be used as a dramatic low-maintenance hedge. The flowers are perfect for cutting, and will retain their green color if placed in a vase for drying. Limelight is a gardener's dream.

If you are lucky enough to find it, 'Little Lamb' is an excellent new selection of panicle hydrangea. Noted for its semi-dwarf habit, its delicate white flower heads look like little lambs dancing across the plant. Children especially will enjoy Little Lamb and like picking flowers for mother all summer long! It too is easy to grow and blooms reliably every year. Gardening doesn't get any easier than this.

White Dome hydrangea (Hydrangea arborescens) is another easy to grow selection. Hardy as far north as Minnesota, White Dome rewards gardeners with blooms every year. In mid-summer White Dome is a cloud of large, lacy white flowers. Its 4- to 5-foot height makes it the perfect plant for the back of the perennial garden or a foundation planting. Like Limelight and Little Lamb, it is very easy to grow, a reliable bloomer and adaptable any decent garden soil. It can be planted in full sun or partial shade. Strong stems make it a great choice for gardeners and flower arrangers.

Hydrangeas are wonderful plants that add excitement to the home garden from mid-summer through fall. Many varieties are also good for cutting bouquets or for drying, and so provide year-round enjoyment. If you've been afraid to try hydrangeas because they seem too complicated, then reconsider. Just ask at your local garden center for hardy, reliable varieties like White Dome, Limelight and Little Lamb and you'll be successful. No matter where you garden, there's a hydrangea for you.



How to update English Country style for today

ne of the most popular decorating styles of the past few decades has been the English country look. Characterized by its comfort, timelessness, and livability, English country style is sophisticated without being pretentious. But today, according to the design experts at Stroheim & Romann, the high-end resource for decorative fabrics, wallpaper, and trimmings, this look has evolved into one that is cleaner, lighter, less, and more suited to the way people live now. Here are Stroheim & Romann's tips for updating English country rooms:

 The essence of English country style used to be an abundance of large floral prints. Now, instead of combining several florals in a room, choose one strong pattern, and use it as the focal point. Mix it with crisp stripes or checks and textured solids for a fresh new look.

· Often the most elegant window treatments are simple drapery panels, opulently full and hung floor to ceiling from wood or metal rods and rings, used alone or paired with Roman shades in textured or sheer fabrics. Stroheim & Romann has a range of fabric options for softening windows, including taffetas, silks, damasks, and jacquards.

 To create a more relaxing, modern ambiance, keep the color palette simple, and even somewhat monochromatic, rather than mixing several vibrant colors. Especially effective are warm neutrals with complementary color accents.

· Choose your fabrics and furnishings with comfort and practicality in mind. Furniture that is uncomfortable has no place in an English country-style home. Look for deep-seated sofas and chairs in hard-wearing and lush fabrics such as chenilles, velvets, brocades and tapestries. . English Country rooms often incorporate an eclectic mix of furnishings. Traditional furniture can blend well with clean-lined, more contemporary shapes, formal pieces can be paired with casual and varying textures and materials can be played off one another for a fresh, timely look.

 Simple, neutral-toned floor coverings or polished hardwood floors will give rooms a newer, sparer look than densely patterned carpets, and help individual pieces of furniture stand out.

· English Country style often includes an abundance of design details, such as decorative moldings, mantels and other architectural elements. Even if your room is devoid of these details, you can give it elegance and personality through the use of trimmings and wallpaper. Stroheim & Romann's extensive range of trims and wallcoverings have been designed to complement their printed and woven fabrics.

· Although English Country rooms are usually romantic and filled with mementos and treasured collectibles, the look has evolved into one that is less cluttered. Choose a few accessories

that can be showcased effectively for a look that says "less is more."

Stroheim & Romann fabrics, wallpapers, and trimmings are available through interior designers and design showrooms. For information, call 718-706-7000, or visit their Web site at www.stroheim.com.



A fresh take on English Country style, this room features classic furnishings and rich details set off by a simple rug and window treatments and pared-down accessories. Stroheim & Romann's Stonehill washed tapestry fabric, with its subtle large-scale floral motif, provides the room's focal point.



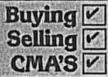




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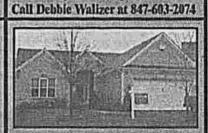
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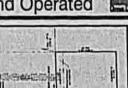
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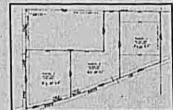
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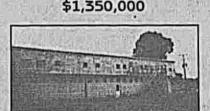






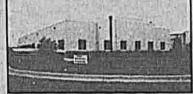
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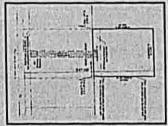
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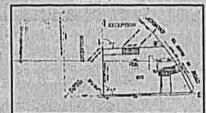
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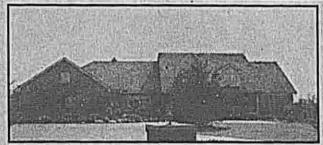
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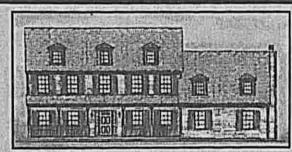
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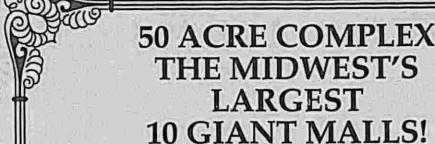
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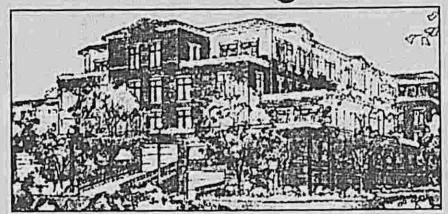






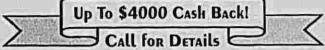
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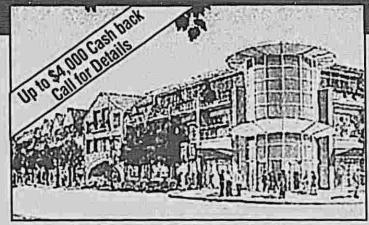
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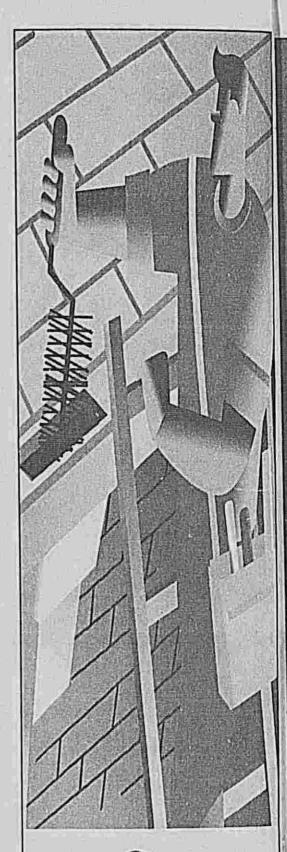
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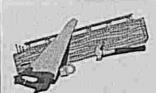
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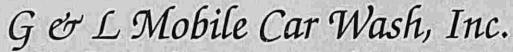
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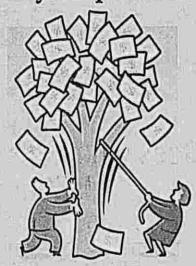
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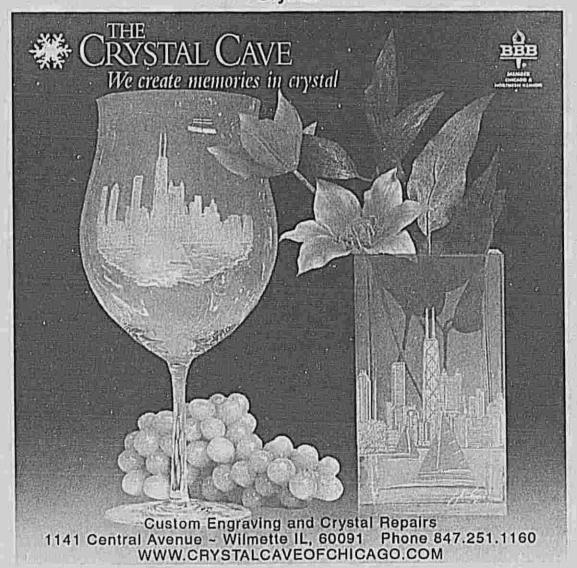
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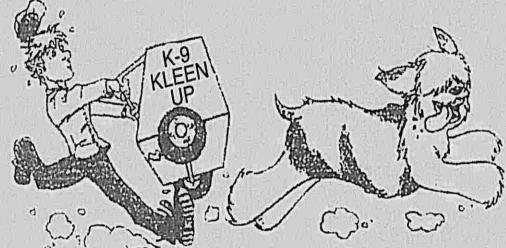
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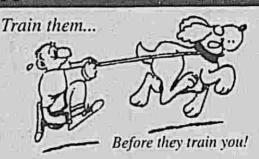
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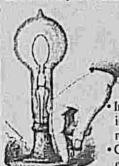
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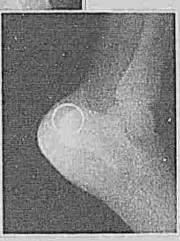


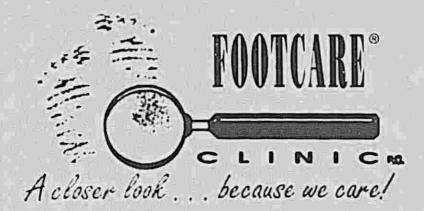






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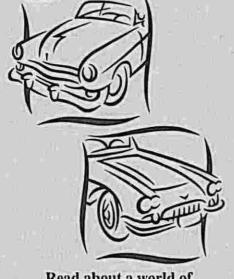
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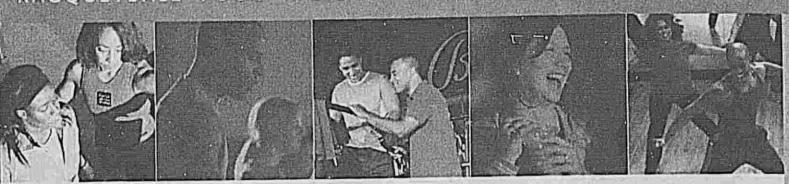
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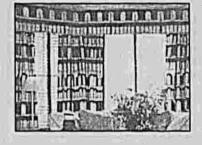
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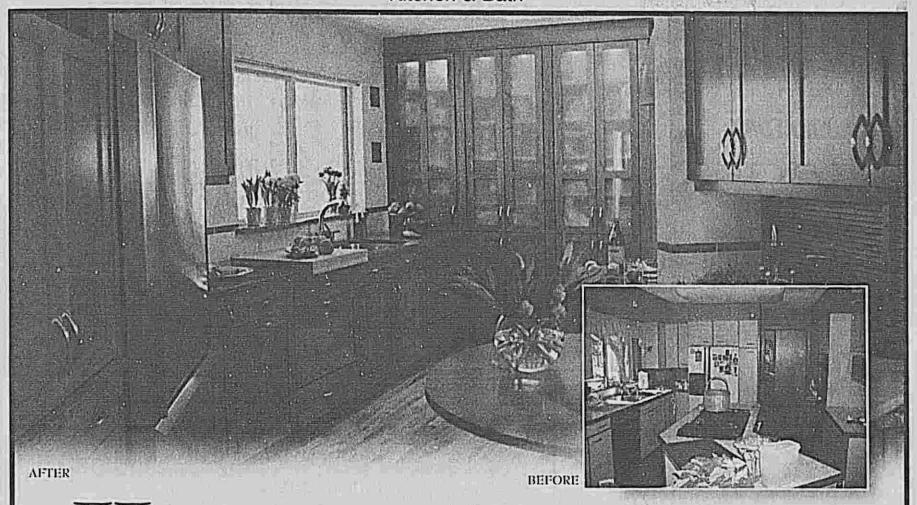
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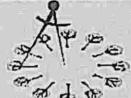
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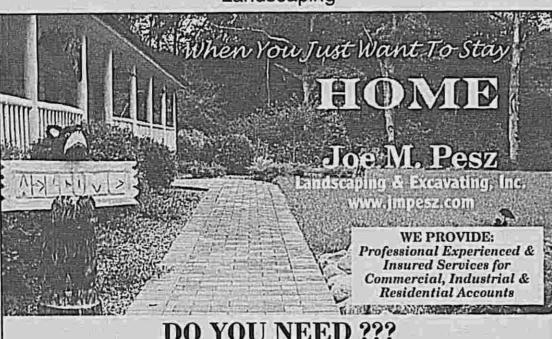
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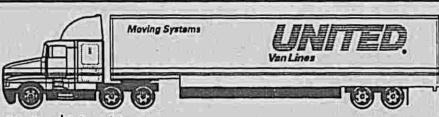
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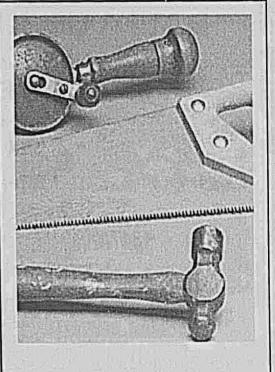
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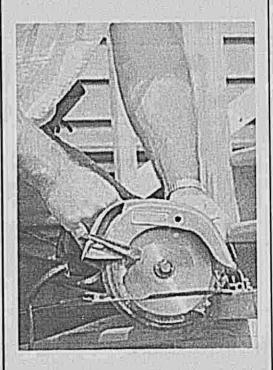


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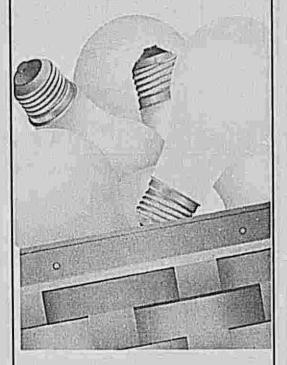
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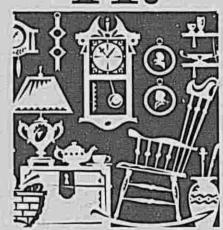
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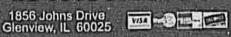


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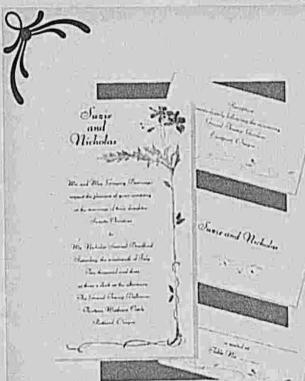
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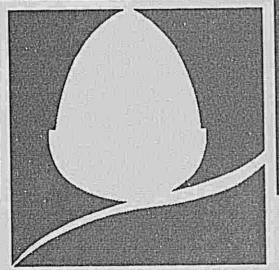
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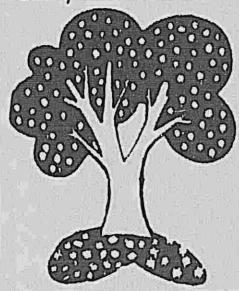
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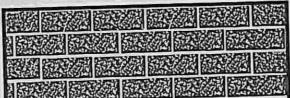
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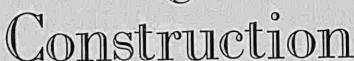
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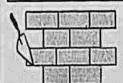






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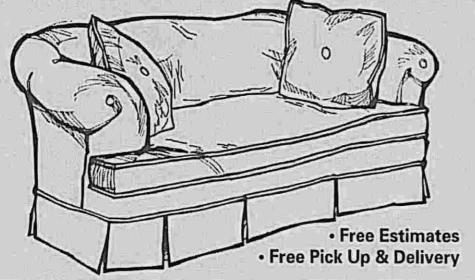
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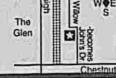
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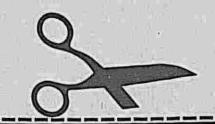
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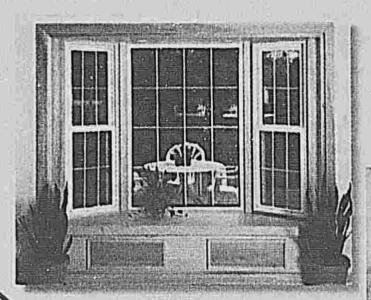


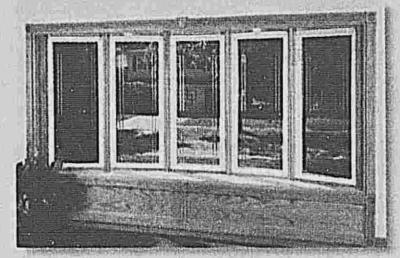
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